Call to shop benefit fraudsters is the latest attempt to turn Britain into a nation of informers

Natching me, watching you

STEVE BOGGAN and LOUISE JURY

Peter Lilley's invitation vesterday for people to shop benefit fraudsters is the latest stage of a largely unnoticed process of turning Britain into a nation of

The "shop-a-cheat" hotline, aimed at cutting the annual £3bn fraud bill, is only one of dozens of schemes, involving yone from schoolchildren to men, nurtured over the past 10 years in which people are increasingly being asked to spy on their neighbours.

The latest initiative urges the public to snitch on claimants they believe are cheating the system. However, it was imme-diately criticised by the Unemployment Unit, an independent body, which said a record number of claimants had actually had their benefits cut - and that many labelled "cheats" were not cheating at all.

A culture of informing has developed in Britain over the past decade, fuelled in part by the success of Neighbourhood Watch schemes. There are now 143,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes covering 6 million homes in England and Wales. Police say they have been a great suchess, deterring criminals from operating in participating areas and providing intelligence to help catch them when they do.



The schemes' acceptance made it easier to ask the public to become more involved in informing. First, in 1988, came Crimestoppers, a charitable trust set up by the business community in London in conjunction with the police. It provides an anonymous route for infor-

without having to come in direct

contact with the police. It now operates throughout the country and offers rewards for those who provide information. So far, tip-offs from the public have resulted in the arrest of 16,591 criminals and the recovery of almost £26.5m in stolen goods. More recently, however, the

Government and the police

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has encouraged young people to inform on other young people by joining Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and introduced "patrolling with a purpose" proposals. Football fans have been asked to ring a hooligan hotline about the activities of thugs, and drug users

have been urged to "rat on a rat" and expose dealers. In schemes called "Milkwatch" and "Lookout Post", milkmen and postal workers have been given mobile phones and two-way radios by police forces in Hampshire, Essex and Hertfordshire, to report suspicious people and activities while on their rounds. In Dewsbury,

given £10 each time they find a stolen car identified from a police list; and in Wales, Dyfed-Powys police have set up radio links with electricity and gas workers. In Torbay, Devon, taxi and bus drivers are regularly given radio messages by police searching for stolen cars and wanted criminals.

It all sounds quite sinister, but should we be worried? According to those one might expect to raise fears over civil liberties, the answer is no. Liberty, formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties, said yesterday that it was unconcerned about the growth of informing, "We don't see it as a breach of civil liberties or a hu-

So what if the man who came to read your meter tipped off the police about the cannabis plant in your living room? "Quite sim-

ply," the spokeswoman said, "you shouldn't have one there. It's a criminal offence. Doug Henderson, a Labour home affairs spokesman, said: threat to civil liberties, then we would be concerned, but I am not sure that they are. Most of them seem to be gimmicks designed to make it look as if the

Government is doing some thing about crime." Before communism lost its hold over the Eastern Bloc, it was normal for internal security services to employ utilities vorkers to spy on the population. However, according to Peter Sommer, of the London School of Economics, an expert in intelligence-gathering, there

is a subtle difference in Britain. "There is a difference between asking someone to keep an eye open generally, and ask-ing them specifically to keep an eye on Mr X," he said. "I don't think there is anything to worry about at this level. For some people, it brings back memories of the comfortable world of Dixon of Dock Green. It means they can have a quiet word with the village bobby they thought they had lost long ago.

Millions face second round of telephone change as sex calling-cards are cut off

Code chaos as numbers fail to add up again

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

A new upheaval in the British nhone system was attacked yes-'day as "staggering" and vearisome" by politicians and ousiness leaders.

On phONEday, 16 months ago, every dialling code in Britain was changed and now the industry watchdog is promising further chaos for millions of users. The proposals, unveiled by the regulator. Oftel, mean London numbers will be reorganised for the third time since 1990, with similar changes for Belfast, Cardiff, Portsmouth and Southampton

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NUMBER OF TELEPHONES

by the turn of the century. Most mobile-phone dialling codes and many freephone numbers and premium-rate charge-line codes will also change, in a move likely to cost businesses and consumers millions of pounds. Don Cruickshank, head of Oftel, said: "I'm not saying it's going to be hassle-free. Labour's consumer affairs

spokesman, Nigel Griffiths, called it "staggering". "Oftel ignored warnings that their 01 proposals were deeply flawed. The public and Government are entitled to know

why Oftel refused to listen to the

The British Chambers of Commerce described the process as "wearisome." The Institute of Directors said: "We can't believe that they could suggest changing the dialling code system again, especially after all the despair it caused last time. If they are going to do this for new numbers then it shouldn't be placing extra burdens on ex-

isting businesses." Oftel blames the changes on the apparently insatiable appetite for phone lines. Competition between phone companies is also creating de-



mand for soare numbers, which are handed out in blocks of ten thousand, whether they are

needed or not. PhONEday may have creat-ed a potential 8 billion new numbers but shortages in some areas mean the five cities listed yesterday will run out of numbers by the turn of the century. The plan is to use '02' for a new set of shorter codes. London's 0171 and 0181 would change to 020 and 022, with the addition of the number 8 to local numbers, creating 160 million possible new numbers. More radically, Londoners

could return to a single code. 020, for the whole of the capital. The previous 01 code for Greater London was abandoned in 1990. Belfast, Cardiff, Portsmouth and Southampton would also move to 02 codes and seven-figure local num-bers. Mobile numbers will not posals due in December. escape either, with all the ex-

isting codes switching to an 07

A further 21 towns and cities could change to 02 codes early in the next century if demand for numbers does not stop growing. One solution being studied by Oftel is to give busi-

nesses a new code structure beginning with 05, which would leave residential customers' codes unaffected. But this idea has come too late to save London, or Cardiff, or Southamp-

ton. A consultation period will

last until October, with final pro-

Businesses will have to reprint stationery, reprogramme switchboards and replace signs. Pressed about the cost, Mr Cruickshank admitted he "didn't know," but insisted it would be less than last year's

The number game, page 2 can be charged."

End of the line for prostitutes

JOJO MOYES

Telecom companies yesterday signed up for a Westminster City Council plan to stop prostitutes calling cards littering phone boxes in Britain's inner cities. From mid-September, British Telecom and all telephone operators will ensure that prostitutes who advertise their numbers in payphones will have

incoming calls blocked. The numbers will be obtained daily from cards col-lected nationwide, but especially in problem areas such as London. The cards will be processed centrally and the ad-

vertised numbers investigated. Customers who advertise in payphones will be warned, and can forestall action by promising not to advertise again.

Robert Moreland, chairman of planning and environment for Westminster, said that the council had become increasingly concerned about the problem. Previous attempts to ban the cards have slipped through legislative loopholes.

"Prostitutes' cards are increasingly explicit and graphic and are causing concern to our residents, business people and visitors," he said.

"We have made various prosecutions under various bits of legislation but they have not really been effective, partly be-cause of the limited ... fines that

Bob Warner, BT's director of payphones, said that the company had tried various methods to eradicate the cards.

But within minutes, and sometimes within seconds, they just got replaced," he said. "There's now a lot more com-petition so simply stopping peo-ple advertising BT numbers in kiosks wouldn't work. We had to get other telephone operators to join in."

Around 150,000 cards are now removed every week from telephone kiosks in central London alone.

An eight-week campaign to remove cards from payphones in Westminster in 1994 har-vested more than 1 million cards. They are so common, police say, that children collect them "like cigarette cards".

"The going rate for installing cards is £10 per 100 cards," said a police spokesman. "Most vice carders' work for a number of prostitutes, so they're earning in excess of £100 per day," As competition increased,

the vice carders have become aggressive, threatening anyone attempting to remove them. Investigations by the Metro-politan Police suggest that most rds removed from London's telephone boxes relate to just

200 numbers. "Carding" is a relatively new phenomenon, which seems to be peculiar to London, Brighton and Manchester.

Trade ban on Iran President Clinton yesterday set the stage for a new confronta-tion with America's allies and

trading partners by signing into law a bill punishing foreign companies that invest in Libya and Iran - the latter is now Washington's prime suspect for the Saudi barracks bombing that killed 19 US servicemen last

Monopoly on hold

The Government last night suspended the Post Office's monopoly for the first time in a quarter of a century after five 24-hour strikes were announced.

New Penguin chief Penguin is to have a Hollywood film chief as its new senior executive, the publisher's owner, Pearson, announced. Page 5

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Major 'powerless' to stop Tory jousting

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

John Major has privately expressed trustration that signs of a Tory recovery for the election paigning for the party leadership by members of the Cabinet.

A senior Tory source said Mr Major had told colleagues that he feels powerless to stop their manoeuvring. "What can I do?" he has told friends.

The disclosure came as Brian Mawhinney, chairman of the Tory Party, hailed three surveys as evidence that the "feelgood factor" had arrived and that wavering Tory voters were returning to the fold.

One survey by Opinion Research Business for stockbrokers James Capel, said support for the Conservatives was at 79 per cent among Tory voters, the

LOUISE JURY

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pended the Post Office mo-

nopoly for the first time in a

quarter century after five 24-

hour strikes were announced.

day after the Communications

Workers Union (CWU) said ne-

gotiations with management had reached an impasse. The union condemned the

suspension as "coming close to

outlawing postal strikes in the UK, but Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said he

had made it clear he would act.

with "no alternative but to seek

as far as possible to protect the

interests of the businesses and

Blaming union leaders for

group of extremists within the

CWU are able to hold the coun-

try to economic ransom. It is sim-

ply wrong for a public service

monopoly to behave in this way."

the way to rival courier and par-

cel firms to enter the market for

the next month. The period

could be extended for a further

achieved.

three months if no resolution is

Under Government rules,

private firms are forbidden

from charging less than £1 for delivering an item, effectively

ruling them out of the domes-

Mr Lang's decision was met

with "sadness" from the Post

Office, which sought to blame

Boys' parade in Londonderry

heightened last night when the

RUC banned a preliminary

march through a potential flash-

point nationalist area, writes

sentatives and community lead-

ers failed in a last effort to reach

agreement on a route before

Saturday, police announced

they were re-routing one of the

feeder marches away from the

As Apprentice Boys' repre-

Michael Streeter.

tic market for letters.

The suspension will open

domestic customers".

The industrial action left him

The first stoppage went ahead from the early hours to-

highest since April last year. It coincided with a Barclays Bank report saying that the economy was showing signs of rapid im-provement, helped by a rise in consumer spending and a surge are being harmed by cam- in the housing market. Another report, by the investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said the latest economic data had forced even the most cynical gloom-mongers to "throw in the towel".

Home-buyers were given a boost last week when the Halifax Building Society said the 5.3 per cent increase in prices in the year to July had been the highest for seven years.

Thanks to the decisions taken by this Government, the feelgood factor is back and is here to stay," said Dr Mawhinney. Labour leadership sources shrugged off the Tories' hopes of rescue from defeat at the

which is clearly in disarray, is re-

fusing to put it to their mem-bers. Royal Mail is being asked

by employees from all around

the country why they are not be-

ing asked to vote on the deal."

would make it "increasingly

difficult to sustain it, Mr

He added: "A longer sus-

pension of the monopoly could lead to a loss of business, and

the undermining of the univer-

But Alan Johnson, CWU's

joint general secretary, refused

to accept blame for the loss of

the monopoly and criticised

the Royal Mail for refusing to

of any imminent settlement of

this dispute, given the attitude

of the Royal Mail manage-ment," he said.

The police are hoping the de-

cision will reduce potential con-

flict in an area with a long

history of nationalist and lovalist

"I don't think there is a hope

for every employee."

re-open negotiations.

Roberts said.

the continued dispute, he said: sal postal service. That would

"It is wholly unacceptable that a have very serious consequences

Tension in the lead up to the traditional August Apprentice Road in Belfast.

The package was still on the table, but further strike action



election. "It's actually 67 per sources privately accept that cent of former Tory voters. Labour's big lead cannot survive which is a shift of only 5 per cent. It still means that a third of former Tory voters won't vote Tory again, which is bad news

Blair aide. However, Labour



until polling day, and Tony

Blair has repeatedly warned against complacency The Prime Minister, curfor the Government," said a

Michael Howard, the Eurosceptic Home Secretary, is rently on holiday with his famemerging as the front-runner for the right-wing 92 Group. Some

the leadership contest.

Riviera, loaned by Lord Harris, senior members believe he has broader appeal than Mr Redan honorary Tory party treawood and is less prone to tacsurer, fears that the open tical errors than Mr Portillo, competition between John Redwood, Michael Portillo, and other members of the Cabinet. who was widely condemned at last year's party conference for

his "SAS" speech.
Mr Portillo, the Defence Seccould undermine Tory chances. Some Major supporters have retary, increased the pressure on tried to halt the competition for Mr Major to harden his policy the leadership breaking out beon a single European currency fore the election by suggesting that the vacancy will not arise, by warning at the weekend that a decision on joining the "first and that Mr Major will stay on, wave" of a single European cureven if the Torics are defeated. rency was coming "quite soon".

But the problems of securing Although he stuck to the a united policy on Europe have continued to dog Mr Major's Government's agreed line that monetary union would have to chances. Euro-sceptics packed their bags for the summer con-vinced they were going to lose be judged on its merits nearer the time, he gave a clear hint that the "wait and see" policy cannot be sustained. "This is a the election, and planning for big decision and it's coming, or certainly the decision as to whether we would join in a first wave is coming, quite soon."

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A former soldier yesterday pleaded guilty to bombing an Army barracks 22 years ago. Peter McMullan, 49, admitted planting four bombs which devastated the Claro Barracks in Ripon, North Yorkshire, in March, 1974. More than 100 coldiers econoid injury in the blast

than 100 soldiers escaped injury in the blast.

Armed police surrounded York Crown Court as

McMullan, from Co Antrim. Ulster, arrived leaning heavily on a stick. He spoke only to confirm his name and to plead guilty to four charges under the Explosives Act. A former Parachute Regiment cook, he was extradited from the US in March. He had fought extradition since 1978.

Acall to fit equipment to prevent collisions between aircraft has been turned down by the Civil Aviation Authority in response to a report of a near miss over Biggin Hill in Kent. The collision was only averted by the quick thinking of an air traffic controller and the aircraft came within 200 feet vertically, and 1,000 feet horizontally, which is well below the normal safety requirements.

The independent joint air proximity assessment panel. which investigates near misses between aircraft recommended that all aircraft should be fitted with a Traffic recommended that all all craft should be inted with a frame Collision Avoidance System, following its finding that there was a serious risk of collision between two aircraft. In its response, the CAA said that the matter was being dealt with at a European level and the fitting of TCAS equipment had a target date of January 2000. Christian Wolmar

Police officers will not face criminal proceedings over the death in custody which prompted last December's Brixton riots, it was disclosed yesterday. The death of 25year-old Wayne Douglas, shortly after his arrest for alleged aggravated burglary, prompted a protest meeting which was followed by widespread violence in the south London neighbourhood.

There were complaints that officers, who used longhandled batons during the arrest, may have employed excessive force. But two post mortems showed Mr Douglas died of a heart attack. The Crown Prosecution Service said in a statement: "After careful consideration senior lawyers decided that there is insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction." The circumstances surrounding Mr Douglas's death were investigated by a team of officers from the Metropolitan Police's complaints investigation branch, supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

The German government sought to allay fears about milk, declaring that virtually no British dairy products were sold in Germany and the local products were safe. Conscious of the panic whipped up by the first BSE crisis in the spring, Bonn's agriculture and health ministers held a crisis meeting with experts, which ended with a pronouncement that consumers had nothing to fear.

Bonn is calling on EU experts to carry out a further study into the conclusions of last week's British findings. In addition. Germany ordered a ban on the slaughter of the last-born calves from cows originating from British herds that have not been certified as free from BSE. Imre Karacs

Detectives have launched an investigation into alleged child abuse at a school for autistic children, dating back 20 years. The inquiry will centre on allegations of abuse at Longdon Hall school, near Rugeley, Staffordshire, in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The school is privately-run and is one of a number in the Honormead group of schools, based nearby in Derby.

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BACK ISSUES

Post strike 'to blame' for halt to monopoly allow members to vote on its John Roberts, Post Office chief executive, said CWU leaders had reached a settlement which would give postal workers job security, a shorter working week, better pay and training and longer holidays. "But the union executive,

Horn of plenty: A full ram's head ceremonial snuff mull, circa 1845, which is among Scottish works of art to be auctioned by Sotheby's on 19-20 August at the Gleneages Hotel, near Stirling

Photograph: Andrew Buurman

Playing the telephone number game around the world

The UK is not the only country which is going through the hell of telephone renumbering. This year. Australia has just

Team-working is the main sticking point. It involves post workers, many of whom earn added a digit to every phone less than £10,000 a year, taking number, the US has introduced some responsibility for selfa new tier of freephone numbers, and France has reorganmanagement. Reaction from alternative ised Paris's phone numbers and is contemplating a wider-scale reorganisation of the whole parcel carriers was muted. Col-

in Beesley, of UPS, said it had country's numbers. union leaders for refusing to no plans to step into the strike.

Not so long ago. Tokyo added another digit to cope with its Ulster march ban rapidly-growing demand for new numbers

The fact that we are about to undergo another round of changes simply reflects our more liberalised regime, say experts - who say that other countries will have the same problems in years to come. Telecommunications is the

tensions, and one which could fastest-growing business in the inflame the larger parade in world," said Stephen Young, of the telecomms consultancy Londonderry. Ovum vesterday. Figures from the International Telecomms The RUC ban drew condemnation from the Democra-Union back that up: although tic Unionist Party, whose justice spokesman. Ian Paisley junior, half the world's population has said: "This move ... will fail to never made a phone call (preachieve a peaceful settlement." sumably for lack of access), at UK is the victim of early liberalisation policies, writes Charles Arthur

the end of 1993, the official waiting list for telephone service worldwide was almost 45 million people, a historical high, and worldwide investment in telecomms that year reached US\$ 130 billion.

"Our problems simply reflect the fact that we liberalised before everyone else - in 1984. But nobody saw how numbering was going to become important as a competitive issue. It was a technical, arcane

subject for a very small crowd." No longer. While it is easy to think that the US must have somehow hit on a perfect structure - with its three-digit area code, and seven-digit "local" numbers - that is deceptive. The 212 area code used to cover all

of New York. Then in 1985, the 718 code was introduced to cover three of the city's five boroughs, excluding Manhattan and the Bronx; in 1993 it absorbed the

Bronx too. Now, 212 only covers Manhattan, and 2 million of the possible 10 million numbers

are allocated. "We think we're in pretty good shape here," said a spokesman for Nynex, the local

phone company. Change is on the way. The US's 1996 Telecomms Act will allow competition among local telephone companies, rather

than the monopolies that presently exist. The likely effect will be to create the same pressures on numbers as has happened in the past decade in the UK. In the US. Bell Corporation is in charge of organising a national renumbering plan - which they know will have to come in the next few

Other countries will also have had to deal with the pressure on their number systems. The "Asian tigers" have the seeming advantage that tele-

phones were not widely avail-able until recently, so that they have room to grow. But their numbering systems

will quickly begin to creak un-der the strain, just as Japan's has done. "Once you pull your finger out of the dyke you just on't know what consequences there will be," said Mr Young.

Certainly in the UK, the consequences have been clear; phone use has exploded. Someone in a small business can easily have telephone numbers for their home, home fax, business, business fax and mobile phone.

Those hoping for an easy solution are out of luck: personal numbers will not solve the problem of the growing demand for numbers, as many people will want to keep home and work identities separate.

On that basis, renumbering is the only option. The only help that technology can offer is more intelligent telephones. With those, we will increasingly store numbers together with names - then we will be able to dial the latter rather than the

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Government involvement in

Criminal Justice. But even this much-needed reform has attracted its share of advance criticism because the new body will not mean an end to the police investigating them-selves. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, decided that the commission should not have its own, independent, investigating officers. Instead, it will use outside police forces for its inquiries, including those involving investigations of alleged malpractice by other

The commission will have the right to supervise police in-

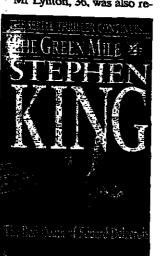
Film chief to be the new head of Penguin

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

One of the best-known name in British publishing, Penguin, is to get a Hollywood film chief as its new senior executive, the company's owner, Pearson, said yesterday.

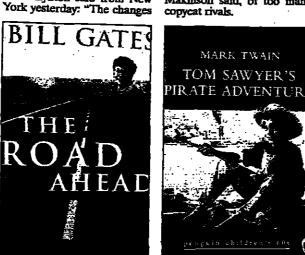
- Michael Lynton, the Britishborn, Disney-trained manager responsible for the cult hitfilm Mr Holland's Opus and the more traditional box-office smash Crimson Tide, is to be-come the chief executive of Penguin worldwide on 1 October, bringing, Pearson hopes, some vintage Hollywood magic to the world of British book

Mr Lynton, 36, was also re-



sponsible for starting Disney's in the UK are not dissimilar to first foray into book publishing, what has been happening in the which includes the Hyperion, Mouse Works and Disney imprints. He replaces Peter Mayer, who has decided to return to his family publishing company. John Makinson, the finance director at Pearson, said-"Peter was more of a publisher-manager, while Michael is a manager-publisher." He joins at a crucial time for

Penguin, and indeed for the whole of British publishing. The collapse of the Net Book Agreement (NBA) last year introduced fierce price compe-tition into what had been a fixed and rather staid market. Mr Lynton said from New



Taking off: Penguins that have done well lately - Stephen King's Green Mile 'part-book'; Bill Gates's Road Ahead; and one of the 60p minibooks

Since then, Penguin UK has what has been happening in the benefited from a reasonably film business. There's been instrong "frontlist" of new titles, creasing competition and a and the sector's best backlist. much shorter time between The performance of the US company has been even when a book is published and when it is clear it will either be stronger, helped particularly a hit or not. That's like films by a few key bestsellers, not least these days, which are all about Stephen King's new "partbook" concept, The Green Mile. the opening weekend gross." Penguin Books in Britain all four instalments of which has had a difficult time with the found their way on to the best-

demise of the NBA but its fortunes had been reviving under Mr Lynton was mum yester-Mr Mayer. The initial strong day on his intended strategy at customer response to a range of nguin. But insiders at Pearson hope he will be able to do for Penguin what he did at special 60p minibooks were one reason for the excitement, Disney Books, building on although the market has since dried up - the casualty, Mr strong brand-names, particu-Makinson said, of too many larly cartoon characters from its

film library.
On how book publishing has been changing, Mr Lynton was more forthcoming: "You either have to have a powerful franchise or a very powerful brand, like Disney, that the company can rally behind. Once you have that, the business can be verv effective."

Mr Makinson echoed that view: "Certainly Michael has shown he knows what to do with intellectual property rights." IPR is at the centre of Pearson's attempts to build a modern media conglomerate, building on its strengths as a publisher, television producer and newspaper proprietor.

One hope is to create franchises through its publishing



Chain gang: A competitor at the World Unicycling Championships (Unicon VIII) which began yesterday in Guildford, Surrey. The first Unicon held in Europe opens to the erous Minds. soothe the pain of resettling in | public over the weekend; organisers expect records to tumble Photograph: Philip Meech |

Record fine for polluting river

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Britain's second largest water company was yesterday fined a record £175,000 for poisoning a river and killing thousands of fish. It was the largest pollution fine a water company has ever received.

Severn Trent Water admitted leaking ferric sulphate – used to treat drinking water - into one of the best stretches of salmon river in Wales, killing all but 2 per cent of the stock.

It was the company's 34th conviction since privatisation seven years ago, Cardiff Crown Court heard. Judge John Prosser told company executives that the leak was due to a combination of design defects, gross mismanagement and inferior maintenance. "To be convicted so many times shows that the management of the company is very slack indeed," he said.

Prosecutor Mark Bailey, acting for the Government's new Environment Agency, said the pollution from Severn Trent's Elan Valley water treatment works at Rhayader, Powys, flowed down the small river Elan and into the Wye, where it killed 33,000 young salmon in June last year.

"The sheer number of fish killed is higher than [in] any other incident." he said. The chemical had turned the river water acid, causing large quantities of aluminium to be released from sediments. This metal is highly toxic to fish.

The company, which pleaded guilty to polluting the river, was also ordered to pay costs and compensation of almost £44,000, including £8,500 towards restocking with fish.

Severn Trent's barrister, Benjamin Nicholls, told the court that the chemicals leaked through a hairline crack in a pipe, which was repaired as soon

as it was spotted. After the verdict, Peter Gough, of the Environment Agency, said it showed that thorough investigations into incidents such as this pay off. Companies must realise the seriousness of their actions."

tressed by the size of the fine,

This was the job offer of a lifetime'

MATHEW HORSMAN

The reincarnation of Michael Lynton as the chief executive of Penguin, the book publishers, marks the latest step in an im-pressive career which has seen a rapid rise through the Disney ranks.

He will leave behind the top job at Hollywood Pictures, one of Disney's three production studios, and stints at Disney magazines, and Disney Books. then took a management degree

vesterday. "I spoke to [Disney He started the Disney Pub-

chiefs] Michael Eisner and Michael Ovitz, and they suggested some things I might do if I stayed at Disney," said Mr Lynton. "But once they realised I wanted to do this, they were wonderful."

Just 36, Mr Lynton was born in the UK of German parents, and moved to the United States after several years in Holland. He attended Harvard University as an undergraduate and This really was the job offer at the same institution. He has ' MI Lynton Said - Deen at Disney ever since.

lishing arm, and ran the division responsible for such magazines as Discover, Family Fun and Disney Adventures.

While at Disney, he signed a joint venture with Penguin to sublish a few books, although the arrangement is no longer in place. "I got to know the Penguin people quite well, and got along with them," he said. For the past two years, Mr Lynton has been president of Hollywood Pictures, where his output included While You Were and *Dan*

vesterday, it is clear that Mr Lynton was looking for a way to leave Los Angeles, a town which he believes is not the best place for children. With a baby daughter just three days old, and her two-year-old sister, the family would be better off on the East Coast, he hinted.

And how much is a former Hollywood chief worth to Pearson? "I'd rather not talk about the financial aspects," he said demurely, but it is clear that the salary, with share options, will While he declined to say so New York.

Appeals are at risk from Home Office shortages

MICHAEL O'KELLY

Investigations into possible miscarriages of justice with regard to the Bridgewater Four and other key cases were put at risk by Home Office staff shortages and a rising tide of inquiries into police misconduct, documents obtained by The Independent reveal.

The papers show that the inquiry into a dossier from lawvers of the four men convicted of murdering newspaper deliv-ery boy Carl Bridgewater in 1979, was conducted largely by one official working from home at weekends.

The investigation resulted in a further police inquiry but Kenneth Clarke, then Home Secretary, decided not to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal. New evidence later came to light which resulted in a decision last month to refer the case. Jim Nichol, lawyer for the men (one of whom is now dead) said last night that he would have taken the Home Office to court if he had been aware of the staffing crisis.

The documents show that in responsible for the Hickey

nior officials believed that C3, the division responsible for investigating claims of miscarriage of justice, was understaffed and swamped by an ever-increasing workload. Staff morale, one said, was "at an all-time low". Police misconduct, and publicity surrounding the reversal of wrongful convictions such as the Guildford Four and involving the West Midlands Serious

the current work at home at weekends; the HEO responsible for the Cleeland case [another possible miscarriage of justice had to be taken off her regular duties for a time to review the case speedily; these were reallocated and this, of course, burdened other hardpressed officers; routine work and target dates are badly affected when a major case

Hard-pressed officers worked at weekends, say leaked reports

people were aware of their right to appeal for a review of their cases. The division could not cope with the extra work. On 6 August, 1991, Mrs M Mitev from the legal advisers' section wrote: "There is no spare capacity at HEO [higher executive officer] level to undertake one-off tasks or properly absorb a major campaign case without other work suf-fering, for example, the HEO [Bridgewater] case did most of

Crime Squad, meant that more lands on an officer's desk ..." Requesting additional staff, Mrs Mitev reported: "... it is becoming increasingly difficult to give full and proper attention to the cases and I fear staff morale

may be suffering"
On 17 August she pointed out: "This type of work is par-ticularly demanding and tiring ... I would like to repeat my request for additional staff ... [morale] is now at an all-time

A month later, Robert Bax-ter, then head of C3, com-

plained: "Major campaign cases such as the Hickeys, [Derek] Bentley [hanged for the murder of a police officer] and Sara Thornton [freed earlier this year after a Court of Appeal ordered a retrial) are having to be absorbed on caseworkers' desks within their routine caseload. I am concerned that if staff are increasingly overburdened, too much pressure of work could lead to vital aspects of the case

not being properly addressed."
Mr Nichol said: "It is absolutely disgraceful that innocent people could be left to rot in prison because of under-

"I was specifically assured that meticulous investigations were being undertaken but I now know that they lied to me. to the public and to Parliament.

Iris Bentley, whose brother Derek was hanged for peri-pheral involvement in the murder of a policeman in the Fifties said she was "sickened to hear that the government cared so little about righting injustice".

A Home Office spokesman

said that it was not the department's policy to comment on

New review body set to take over

resolving claims of miscarriage of justice will finally come to an end in the autumn when the independent Criminal Case Review Commission belatedly begins work nearly three years after its recommendation by the 1993 Royal Commission on

sourced C3.

Patricia Wynn Davies reports on how the appeals commission will operate

quiries if this is "desirable in the public interest" - but is under no duty to do so. The nearest equivalent body is the Police Complaints Authority, which has failed to garner widespread confidence that it is sufficiently at arm's length from the police.

Some critics have warned that these failings risk the credibility of the entire exercise.

There is little doubt, however, that the new body is an improvement on the current system where the Home Secretary decides which cases to refer back to the Court of Appeal, aided by an understaffed, illqualified and insufficiently-re-

The commission will not, for example, be restricted to scrutinising cases involving "fresh evidence"; but will be able to look at cases where potential- other commissioners is curly crucial information has been rently under way, by a panel overlooked or misunderstood, or where the accused was the

victim of bad legal advice. A further novel feature will be the body's power to consider cases from Northern Ireland, and those originally heard in magistrates' courts.

A flood of applications is ex-pected in the commission's first year - possibly up to 1,600, plus several hundred already under Home Office consideration many of which would have been rejected under the old system.

Mr Howard rejected suggestions that the commission's chairman should not be a judge but has none the less appointed a non-judicial figure, Sir

Frederick Crawford, vice-chancelior of Aston University.
Although no building has

et been found to house the new body, the selection of at least 10 comprising Sir Frederick, a Home Office official and two independent members.

One-third of the commissioners will have to be legally qualified and the other twothirds must have knowledge and experience of the criminal justice system. In addition, about 60 per-

manent staff are to be recruited, and in marked contrast to the current set-up at C3, a third of them must be lawyers. There are concerns that some existing C3 staff will be ap-pointed, which will raise the inevitable accusation that practices and attitudes of the past will be perpetuated.

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Artists in light at the end of their tunnel vision

Two foot turnels transformed by lights and sound into art installations will return to normal tomorrow after baffling, intriguing and irritating pedes-

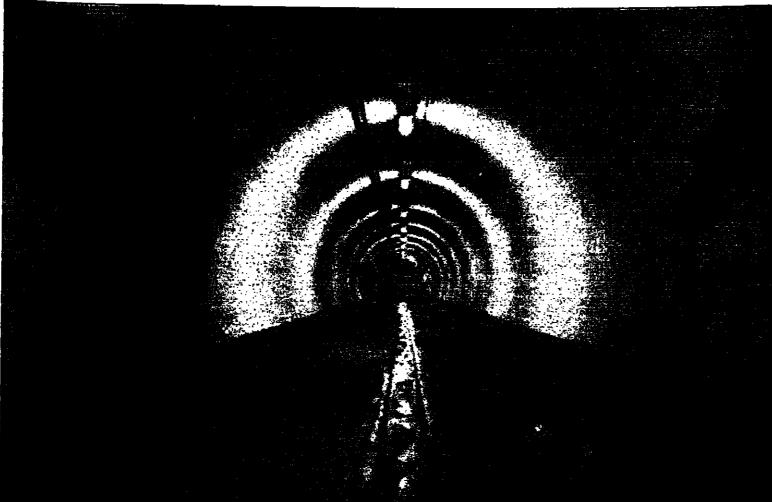
Artists Tanya Harris and Goldberry Broad will dismantle the works crected in the Greenwich and Woolwich tunnels, underneath the Thames in south-east London, two weeks ago and begin planning their next art venture.

The two friends, both 23, spent months of talking to Greenwich council, carrying out safety tests and proving no one would be at risk before they were given permission for the

They worked with sound artists Simon West, James Boxall and Giz Flotations to create the effect of a heart pounding in an artery in Greenwich and the blue-green sensation of being underwater in Woolwich.

We would have liked more dramatic effects but we had to water it down, particularly in Greenwich, so the security cam-eras still worked," Ms Broad said. "But we are satisfied with it in terms of the effect it's hav-

ing on people."
Although public reaction has been mixed, a council spokesman said: "We had to ask them to turn the lights up but we're very happy to let them use the tunnels."



Subterranean blues: Pedestrians in the Woolwich Tunnel, where blue and green lights create underwater effects

Photograph: Adrian Cook

Much ado over 'new work' by the Bard MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent yesterday. The complex world of Shake-

spearean scholarship is to be stung into debate later this month by the publication of a book stating that the Bard was the sole author of the anonymous play Edward III.

The claim is being made by Dr Eric Sams, who wrote the account of Shakespeare's first 30 years, The Real Shakespeare, which portrayed the playwright father as a farmer, as well as a glover and wool-dealer.

Dr Sams' latest study, Shakepeare's Edward III: An Early Play Restored to the Canon, atgues that the dramatisation of Edward III's invasion of France and assault on the Countess of Salisbury's virtue was wholly written by Shakespeare — not

partially, as is usually suggested. Academics have claimed that while Shakespeare may be the author of the second act of the play, the remaining four are by another, lesser, hand. As a result it was excluded from the influential Complete Works edited by Professor Stanley Wells for Oxford University Press.

Dr Sams argues, in the book to be published by Yale University Press on 22 August, that Shakespeare wrote acts L III. IV and V of the play in about 1589
-at the end of his so-called "lost years" between 18 and 28 - before publishing his "first" play, Titus Andronicus, in 1594. In the early 1590s, he came back to Edward III, rewriting the second act and infusing it with the poetry of his sonnets.

It is particularly apt to bring forward the theory now, Dr Sams says, because this year marks the quatercentenary of the play's original publication. Other plays accepted into Shakespeare's canon after the First Folio in 1623 are Pericles, and his late play, The Two Noble

The established view is that Shakespeare wrote almost wrote them at a nothing until he was 28, when in his career."

he began writing on an accom-plished level, which strikes me as ludicrous," Dr Sams said

"It is like saying Mozart wrote nothing until he was 30, then he wrote Don Giovanni. The fact is that he went to London aged 18, with a wife and son to support, and needed money. I have no doubt that he wrote plays during that period and that Edward III was one of them."

Dr Sams charts numerous echoes between the play and Shakespeare's canon, particularly the sonnets. Phrases like "their scarlet ornaments" and "lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds" occur in both.

Other parallels include the number of new words contained in the play - as in every accepted Shakespeare work - including "cleftures", "bed-blotting", "snaily", "hugey" and "death-procuring". Dr Sams also cites numerous words used in Edward III that are peculiar to Shakespeare, or of which he is the first known user, such as "beguile"; "clangour" and "rash" (operating quickly). The reason that such a claim

for Edward III has not been made before, he says, it is that it is too contentious. "Some Shakespeare scholars think the same, but they don't dare say so. Professors cannot be wrong.

"But both Professor Wells and Professor Gary Taylor, who co-edited William Shakespeare: A Textual Companion, have expressed regret they did not include Edward III in their

Dr Martin Wiggins, fellow of the Shakespeare Institute of the University of Birmingham, was cautious about Dr Sams' theory. "The idea that [Edward III] is wholly by Shakespeare hasn't generally found favour," he said. "Dr Sams' theory assumes that Shakespeare got better as time went on, and raises the question of when Shakespeare did write the sonnets and if he wrote them at a particular point

Shakespeare, or a play by any other pen? Four extracts from Edward III.

For where the golden ore doth buried lie The ground undecked with nature's tapestry Seems barren, sere, untertile, fruittess, dry And where the upper turf of earth doth boas His pride, perturnes and parti-coloured cost Delve there and find this issue and their pride to spring from ordure and conjunton's side.

Act I Scene I

King Edward: .0 thou world great nurse of flattery Why dost thou tip men's tongues with polder

And pelse their deeds with weight of heavy lead That fair performance cannot follow promise? Act II Scene i

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Dark night seems darker by the lightning flash Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds And every glory that inclines to sin.

The shame is treble by the opposite.

Act II Scene I King Edward:

The pillars of his hearse shall be their bones. The mould that covers him, their city askes His knell that groaning cries of dying men And in the stead of tapers on his tomb An hundred fifty towers shall burning blaze While we bewall our valiant son's de

DAILY POEM

Frogs

By John Rodker

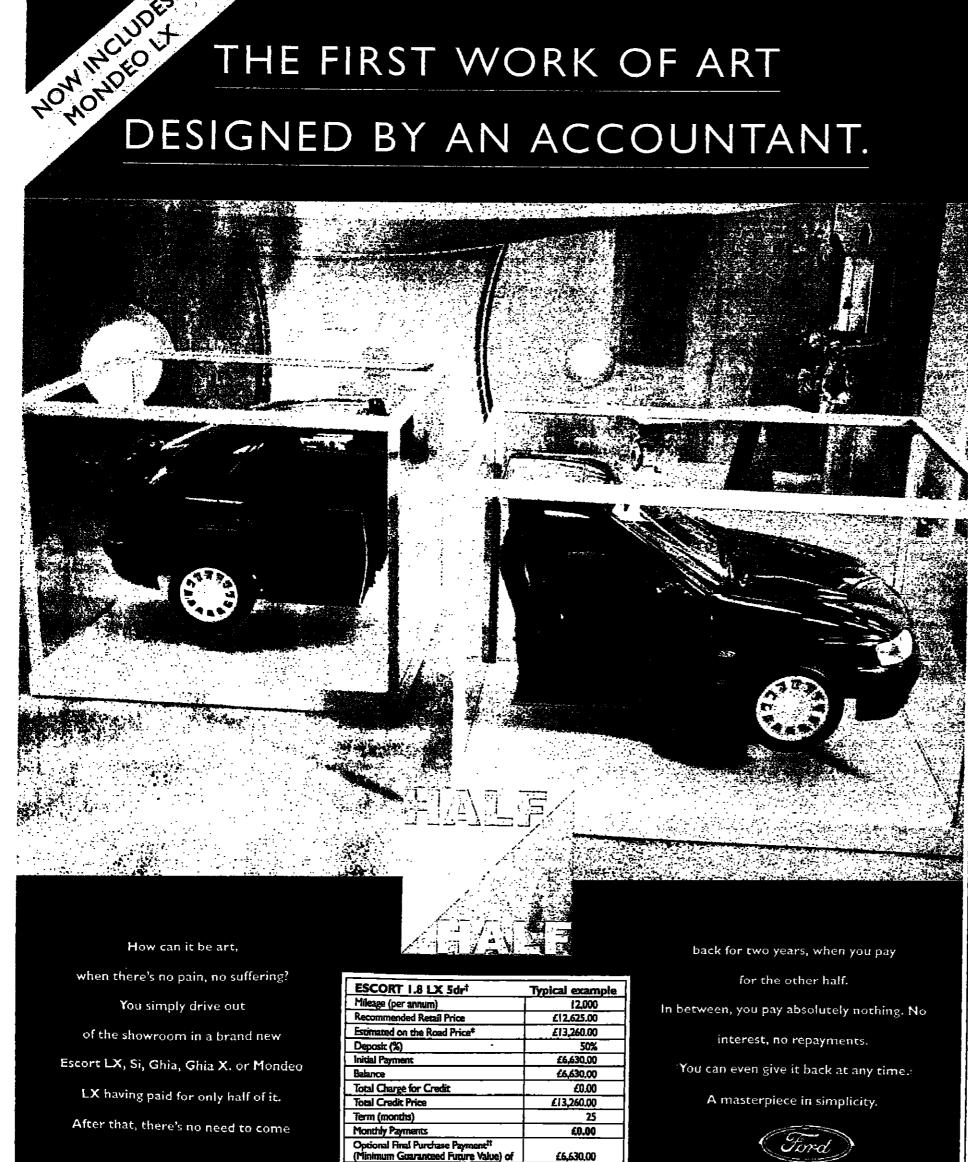
We talked of frogs that died in love. You said, "Then cold's their heat." I wondered, asking why love beat Quick in then and then shrove them ever of that heat. That cold (that heat) given by life to last through an existence burst suddenly, an intense flash, that like a knife fell, cutting the cord that held it. That heat was like a liquid gas

in green rushes, green they moulder, smooth, stark, tight arms round each other, dark fingers on dark shoulder.

and bursts, making nothing of what much was.

Where is your Tristram now? Paola's had his day. Their loves were frail, avow them play!

John Rodker was born in Manchester in 1894 and moved with his family to the East End (his father was a corset-maker) when he was six. In 1919 he succeeded Ezra Pound as London editor of the Little Review and set up the Ovid Press, publishing verse and drawings by Joyce, Eliot, Pound, Valery, Wyndham Lewis and Le Corbusier, as well as a German-language edition of Freud. Carcanet have recently published Poems & Adolphe 1920, edited by Andrew Crozier, which seeks to draw proper attention to Rodker's contributions, as publisher and poet, to the Modernist movement. He died in 1955.



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If the crisis over

the city council

is not resolved, the elections in

Bosnia will be

pointless, writes

Tony Barber

recognising that failure could

threaten peace across the whole

"We have reduced the prob-lems to just one," an EU spokesman said, as last-ditch

talks continued with local

Bosnian Croat and Muslim

leaders. In Dublin, the EU's

Irish presidency said in a state-

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extreme urgency."

The EU, which has had a mandate to administer the city of Mostar since July 1994, had originally threatened to abandon its role by midnight last Saturday if the Bosnian Croats refused to join the newly elect-ed city council, where Muslims have a slim majority.

However, when the deadline passed with no agreement in sight, the EU decided to continue the talks rather than walk out and risk making the partition of Mostar permanent.
At one level, the crisis has

centred on the refusal of the Bosnian Croats to recognise the validity of the local elections last June, which resulted in a narrow victory for a Muslim-led coalition. At a deeper level, however, the crisis is about the attempt of the Bosnian Croats, supported by neighbouring Croatia, to maintain a Croat political entity in south-west Bosnia that might one day unite with Croatia itself.

Mostar has been divided into they were not satisfied with the outcome." Mr Bildt's deputy, Michael Steiner, said. He dismissed the Croat claim of a Croat-controlled west and a Muslim-held east since the war between Muslims and Croats of 1993-94. The Croats regard the city as the capital of Herzeg-Bosnia, the separatist ministate which they promised last not been this, it would have. week to dismantle in accordance been something else." with the Dayton peace agree-

Carl Bildt, the international



Shattered lives: An apartment block in Mostar, where the scars of the Croat-Muslim war of 1993 have left their mark

EU tries to broker Mostar deal

was vital for the EU not to make "a major instance of non-comany concessions to the Bosnian Croats which might "dilute the election results" in Mostar. pliance on the part of the Bosnian Croats. It is a slap in the face of all those who want democracy Such concessions would se-

> from the United States and the EU, the Croats offered last weekend to abide by the election results until the constitutional court of the Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation ruled on their complaint that the election had been marred by fraud. However, as so often in Bosnian negotiations, this proposal contained a couple of

Bowing to intense pressure

irregularities in the vote: "This The main one was that the was a pure pretence. If it had constitutional court has not vet been formed, and the Croats made their acceptance condispokesman for the Nato-led peace force in Bosnia, said the Thursday and an eventual rul- trolled town of Bugojno, in mediator from Sweden, said it crisis in Mostar represented ing by the court.

If the formation of the court. or its ruling, were to be indefinitely postponed, Mostar would still in practice be without a unified city council.

The Muslim mayor of the eastern part of Mostar, Safet Orucevic, insisted that the Croats should at least accept a deadline for the court's ruling. However, the two sides were unable to bridge this difference, causing the talks to break up early yesterday after seven

The Mostar crisis has coincided with a rise in tensions between Muslims and Croats elsewhere in Bosnia.

Two weeks ago a mosque was set on fire in the predominantly Croat town of Prozor, and an tional on there being no city explosion damaged a Catholic council meetings between next church in the Muslim-concentral Bosnia.



SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Kenya is to suspend rail, road and air links with Burundi as part of a package of economic sanctions agreed by African leaders at a summit in Tanzania last week, the Kenyan presidency said yesterday. The sanctions would also restrict movement of people between the two countries, which do not share a land border. Tanzania has already applied the sanctions, aimed at toppling Burundi's recently installed military junta. Reuter - Nairobi

indonesia's pro-democracy leader refused to be questioned by police about a riot that erupted after security forces raided her party headquarters.

Megawati Sukarnoputri, who says a summons naming her as a witness is not valid, instead sent lawyers to police headquarters, where they talked to investigators. Police said a new summons would be issued. Megawati, daughter of Indonesia's founding president. Sukarno, is fighting official efforts to remove her as chief of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party. The current President, General Subarto, apparently is afraid that growing support for her, especially among admirers of her late father, could threaten his government. AP - Jakarta

prosecutors demanded that the former military "strongman" Chun Doo-hwan he sentenced to death for presiding over one of the darkest eras in South Korean history. The prosecution sought life imprisonment for another military leader, Roh Tae-woo, who helped Chun seize power in a coup 17 years ago. AP - Scoul

An Egyptian court threw its weight behind Islamists by upholding a ruling that a happily married university professor must divorce his wife because he was found to have renounced Islam. A human rights group, saying it feared for the life of Arabic professor Nasr Abu Zeid, urged President Hosni Mubarak to overturn the "unjust" decision by Cairo's Court of Cassation. Reuter - Cairo

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Sri Lankan troops killed at least 200 Tamil Tiger guerrillas as they advanced on the northern rebel-held town of Kilinochchi. The Tamil Tigers, in their account of the battle that has left nearly 200,000 people homeless, said its rebels had killed at least 100 troops and destroyed five army tanks. Reuter - Colombo

Four gunmen have kidnapped a lawyer who represented the outlawed fundamentalist political party, the Islamic Salvation Front. The unidentified gunmen grabbed Rachid Mesli and two members of his family near the eastern outskirts of the Algerian capital. One of the kidnap victims was a 5-year-old child. AP - Algiers

An imprisoned member of the Burmese democracy leader Aung San Sun Kyi's party died after six years in jail, and exiled Burmese dissidents said they believed his death was a result of torture. Hla Than had been sent to hospital from prison with unspecified internal injuries, the

Meanwhile, Burma has banned all imports of Heineken and Carlsberg beers as retaliation against the brewers who withdrew investment in Burma. Reuter - Bangkok

Avow by two women never to be separated has made Viroj Bamrungsri the envy of many Thai men. Viroj, a 29-year-old factory worker, plans to marry Amphon Chulaaysrimuang, who has insisted he also marry her best friend Nookal Ramangthong, this week, local n reported. Bigamy is illegal in Thailand but the trio said they would live as common-law partners. Reuter - Bangkok

Countdown to crisis in a divided city

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he said.

The crisis to Westign Lengtes on interretional afforts to remake the city, forcing divided into Creat and Muslim sectors since 1993, and onsore the success of the Dayton paints settlement for Bosnia. Here is a summary of recent events.

1991 - Pre-war census plus Mostar's population as 35 per

1991. Pre-war census puts Mostar's population as 35 per cent Muslim, 34 per cent Crost, 19 per cent Serb, 10 per cent Muslim, 34 per cent Crost, 19 per cent Serb, 10 per cent Muslim, 34 per cent other.

April 1992 — War Incains out in Bosnia, Crosts and Muslims defend Mostar together against phaces by Serb led Yugoslav army. July 1992 — Bosnian Crosts, backed by Crosta, form separatest state of Herzeg Bosnia with Mostar as capital.

Spring 1999 — Muslim Crost was breaks out. Crosts expel Muslims from mediate Mostar and set up detection remove out. lims from western Mostar and set up detention camps out-

side city.

February 1994 - Muslim-Croat truce. Mostar is divided into Croat-controlled western sector and smaller, ruined Muslimheld east. Virtually no Serbs left. March 1994 - Muslim Crost federation of Bosnia established

July 1994 - Buropean Union given mandate to administer Mostar and re-Integrate Croat and Muslim sectors. First administra-tion & Demendy's Hans Koschnick.

November 1995 - Dayton agreement stipulates abolition of under US auspices.

Heizeg Bosnia and reunification of Mostar through elections to city council. February 1996 – Koschnick proposes dividing Moster into six

cantons, three Muslim and three Croat, with a large mixed administrative area in city centre. Croats react violently, storming EU headquarters in Mostar. June 1996 - Elections give Muslim led coalition narrow ma-

jority on city council. Croats reject results and boycott coun-cil, deliming fraud at polling stations abroad. July 1996 - EU declares election valid, saying fraud was too small to affect results. Croats warned to join city council by 4 August or EU will leave Mostar.

31 July - US officials extract Bosnian Croat pledge to abolish Herzeg Bosnia and set up common institutions with Muslims

for governing federation.

2 August — President Franjo Judimen of Croatia fails to assure President Bill Clinton that Bosnian Croats will join Mostar council.

3 August — At EU sponsored talks, Bosnian Croats refuse to meet deadline for joining council.

4 August — Negotiations destant after expiry of deadline, but no progress. Call Bill international High Representative for Bosnia; demands tadde pressure on Judiman to make Bosnian Croats give make.

5 August — Last dijet talks in Mostar as EU considers whether to end its mission in the city.

Mutual mistrust mires refugees in the misery of homelessness

ANDREW GUMBEL Arzinja

In Croatia yesterday, a jubilant government was celebrating Homeland Thanksgiving Day to mark the first anniversary of the spectacular recapture of the Krajina from rebel Serbs.

Several hundred miles away, in a drab refugee camp in Serbia, there was little cause for celebration as a handful of refugees from last summer's campaign observed the dismal reality of the life they have been reduced to.

"The Croats say we can now return home, but I don't trust anything they say," says Miroslav Devic, a farmer from Kostanica, now sitting out the endless days in a disused electrical goods factory in Arzinja, 40 miles south-east of Belgrade. - If there was any kind of democracy in Croatia we wouldn't have been kicked out in the first place, and they wouldn't have burned what we left behind."

in grand strategic terms, the recapture of the Krajina helped precipitate the end of the fighting in the former Yugoslavia because it upped the military balance away from the Serbs; who seized the area in 1991, and encouraged them to seek a settlement at the negotiating table.

women whose lives have been overshadowed by five years of war and uncertainty in the Kraina, the offensive only wreaked further havoc in their lives. For them, the future looks almost

as bleak as the immediate past. The reciprocal cruelties of the war have made it impossible for Serb refugees like Miroslav Devic to contemplate going home: not only would he have to live under a Croatian government, but he would somehow have to live alongside Croatian neighbours who mistrust him as much as he mistrusts them.

The prospects are little better in Serbia, which is already groaning under the weight of up to 650,000 refugees from Bosnia and Croatia and can offer no promises of regular work or housing because its economy has been ruined by the war and by United Nations sanctions. So he and his family are stuck in the disused Gosa factory in Arzinja, their few possess piled up behind their lumpy beds where once hair-driers

came off a production line. There is no running water, so the 80-strong community de-pends on water tanks which are delivered once a week. The roof leaks, and in winter the through the night. The only work available is seasonal fruitpicking, local farmers have no resources to take on extra full-

Serbia, together with international organisations like UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), set up 300 refugee camps (or "collective centres", as they are enphemistically known) in the wake of last year's Krajina offensive. Under the terms of the Dayton peace agreement, hundreds of thousands of the people displaced by the war should in theory be returning home.

But listening to the refugees' stories, one quickly appreci-ates that few will be returning in a hurry. One Serb in the camp, who gave his name as Miodrag, comes from Drvar in western Bosnia, once almost entirely a Serb town but now under Croat control. "There's nothing to go back for except for a few dogs and some old women who are beaten and mistreated by the Croats," he said.

His wife is a Muslim, which will make it almost impossible for them to settle either in the Serb-controlled part of Bosnia or in Serbia proper. "My only chance is to go abroad. I applied

But for the ordinary men and heating system is barely adefor a US visa, but they turned quate to stop them shivering me down. So what do I do now.

> It is not just refugees who are reductant to return home. Political leaders in the former Yugoslavia are discouraging returnees in the interests of creating ethnically pure blocs, according to UN officials. "I'd say that, in Bosnia, the Serbs are the most recalcitrant, followed by the Croats, followed by the Muslims," said Marwan Elkhoury, a spokesman for the UNHCR in Belgrade.

The refugee commission has organised "assessment visits" for refugees contemplating a return home, and opened bus routes crossing ethnic boundaries. But many of these are blocked as convoys are jeered at and attacked with stones.

The UNHCR estimates that 100,000 people have returned home since the end of the war, but that a further 90,000 have become displaced - leaving a net return of just 10,000 out of a total 3 million refugees.

"How am I ever going to go back? Croatian refugees have been living in my flat for the past five years," said Andja Glavas, an elderly woman. "I have been here for one year now, and I don't see any way I will be leav-



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US bill: EC considers retaliation over 'violation' of trading laws

Clinton raises stakes with Iran sanctions

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President Clinton yesterday set the stage for a new confrontation with America's allies and trading partners by signing into law a bill punishing foreign companies investing in Libya and Iran - the latter now Washington's prime suspect for the barracks bombing that killed 19 US servicemen in Saudi Arabia

Britain and other European allies of the United States reacted anguily to Mr Clinton's annonncement and made clear that the European Commission would consider retaliatory sanctions against Washington.

The strident complaints were almost identical to those which

country companies doing business with Cuba. But in an election year, and with public nerves already on edge at the explosion of TWA's flight 800 and the bombing at Olympic Centernial Park in Atlanta, the impact of such protests will be minimal. Minutes after the Oval Office

ceremony, Mr Clinton went to George Washington University to deliver an address in which he labelled terrorism "the enemy of our generation", and promised proposals for enlarged extradition powers, and broad-er authority to prosecute, in the US, people accused of terror-ism against Americans abroad. Iran and Libya, he said, were the "most dangerous sponsors of terrorism" in the world.

European countries might

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greeted last month's measure retaliate against the US if they imposing sanctions on third chose; but "before long" they would have to make up their minds whether "they can do business by day with people who turn around and fuel attacks on their innocent civilians by night". America, he declared,

"had to act", even if alone. Iran said the bill would fail. Clinton's decision lacks international backing and is doomed to failure," a foreign ministry spokesman said.

The latest law requires Mr Clinton to impose two of six possible sanctions against companies that invest more than \$40m (£26m) annually in oil or gas projects in Libya and Iran. These include denying export-import bank loans, barring fi-nancial institutions from dealing in US Government bonds, and a ban on federal procurement from companies involved. As with the anti-Castro sanctions, critics in Europe and North America say the sanctions vio-

late international trading laws. Yesterday's staged signing, witnessed by family members of the victims of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing and two former hostages held during the 1980 siege of the US embassy in Teheran, was part of a co-ordinated attempt to keep terrorism high on the campaign agenda, and were designed to draw at-

RUPERT CORNWELL

Desperate to spark his floun-dering, near-lifeless presidential

bid, Bob Dole yesterday em-

braced the "voodoo economics" he lambasted in the past, by un-veiling a \$548bn (£370bn) plan

to cut income taxes by 15 per

cent and thus lead the country into a new era of prosperity.

The economic strategy that will be at the heart of his cam-

paign this autumn was launched

Washington

publican candidate Bob Dole. and the economic plan he announced yesterday. Nor can Mr Clinton risk being portrayed as "soft on terrorism".

Only last week William Perry, the Defense Secretary, indicated that a possible Iranian involvement with the Saudi bomb was under scrutiny, while Time magazine reports that the CIA has "suspicions" that Iran might have had a hand in the explosion of the TWA jet on 17 July - although investigators have not even yet established

the aircraft was sabotaged. A Foreign Office spokesman in London said: "We cannot accept US pressure on its allies to impose sanctions under the threat of mandatory penalties."

For European governments, it is a matter of principle that they should resist attempts in Washington to punish compa-nies and commercial activities that lie outside US jurisdiction.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman. Yves Doutriaux, said France was determined to ensure "that any damage does

not go without retaliation".
France could be particularly affected by the US decision as one of its largest companies, Total SA, signed a \$600m (£400m) deal last year to develop Iran's offshore Sirri oilfields. The company also has stakes in two oilfields in Libya. tention from the future Re-

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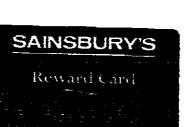


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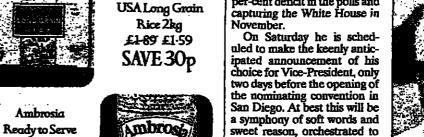
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sweet reason, orchestrated to appeal to the crucial middle ground of American politics. At worst (and further wran-ling last weekend over abortion in the Republican manifesto offered an ominous portent) it could turn into a brawl between moderates and conserv-

atives, a repeat of the ugly 1992 goings on in Houston that helped send then President George Bush to defeat. First, the notoriously visionless Mr Dole must find something to stand for, and yesterday's economic plan aimed to fill that gap. In essence he has reached for the Republican panacea of tax cuts: not the flat tax promoted by publisher Steve Forbes in the primaries, but a 15-per-cent reduction in

tax rates at every existing brack-

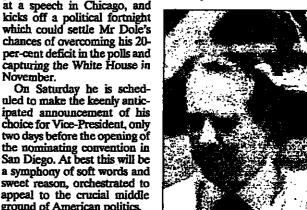
et, phased in over three years. In addition, he plans a \$500-per-

child tax credit, costing \$75bn,

and a halving of capital gains In doing so, Mr Dole, a longstanding hawk on deficit reduction, may strain his credibility to breaking point. Only a few years ago he was making vicious jokes about "supply-siders" ("the good news is that a bus full of them went over a cliff; the bad news is there were three empty seats"). Now

he is making their nostrum that lower taxes boost economic activity, swell the federal tax take and actually reduce

the deficit - his own. According to the Dole plan, the Republican goal of a bal-anced budget by 2002 will not be affected, nor will popular entitlement programmes, such as Medicare and social security. beyond the party's existing proposals in Congress. But economists are sceptical and so are ordinary Americans.



Dole: Sudden convert to

Nor does Mr Dole's gloomy diagnosis of the national economy ring entirely true. His measures, he says, will lift sustainable growth from 2.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent a year, creating millions of new jobs. In fact, the economy expanded by more than 4 per cent in the sec-ond quarter of 1996, unemployment and inflation are low, and the budget deficit this year is forecast at \$116bn, the lowest since the late 1970s. In proportional terms, at 1.6 per cent of GDP, it is the best of any ma-jor industrialised country.

Not surprisingly, the White House jumped on the Dole plan. "A gold medal flip-flop" was the caustic post-Olympic judgement of Leon Panetta, he White House chief of staff.

The propaganda wars mask reversal of roles. Traditionally champions of the working man, the Democrats will fight the election as the party of fiscal rectitude, while the Republicans seek to exploit a widespread feeling that in spite of today's fine figures, jobs are

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Netanyahu demands time to keep the peace



ERIC SHVER

On his first visit to Jordan as Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday argued that King Hussein should protestations of peace are more than a marketing exercise.

This is a government that is committed to peace," Mr Netanyahu told a joint press conference. "Its ministers are committed to peace. And we shall act as one government, with one policy, for peace." The statement was directed partly at his undisciplined col-leagues, one of whom - ex-gen-

eral Rafael Eitan - suggested only the day before that the contentious Jewish community of Hebron should be increased tenfold. But the Prime Minister offered no concrete indication that he was ready to give as well give him time to prove that his as to take in pursuit of peace. On the stalled dialogue with

Damascus, Mr Netanyahu said:
"We're prepared to engage in
peace negotiations with Syria on all outstanding matters. Our purpose is to achieve a formal ace with Syria. We believe that peace with Syna. we control in there is goodwill on the side of Syria we can resume negotiations, and we're prepared to do He suggested that his recent

out of Southern Lebanon, in return for the disarming of the Hizbollah militia. could be a confidence-building measure. "It could," he said, "be a very good starting point to build a relationship of trust, a relationship of stability, a relationship of con-fidence between Israel and Syr-

ia that will serve us well in the

other outstanding issues that we need to negotiate about." Yet Mr Netanyahu gave no hint that he had dropped his enall or any of the Golan Heights, occupied since 1967, for an agreement. Syria's President Hafez Assad has always insisted on land-for-peace as an essential condition.

The Israeli leader was equally circumspect on last week's unfreezing of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; a decision that has provoked blood-curdling prophe-cies from the Palestinians and the Israeli left. "We want to see the natural growth of communities," he said, "Arab commu-nities and Jewish communities."

But he added: "We did not stipulate what our policy would be in the future - when and if we shall build new settlements. When we say there should be free and natural growth, this doesn't mean that the government has removed its own staying hand."

Decisions on settlements would be concentrated in the hands of the Defence Minister and Prime Minister. But critics still fear that the "natural growth" formula is merely the first stage - expansion by sala-On Jerusalem, too, which

both Israelis and Palestinians claim as their capital, Mr Netanyahu was inflexible. Jerusalem, he said, would never be divided. He took his stand on the Oslo agreement with the Palestinians, which specified that there should be no change during the interim stage.

On this point, King Hussein out down a marker of disagreement. This is a subject that has to be discussed later, as agreed in the final status negotiations," he reminded Mr Netanyahu. "Let's hope that when the time

comes there'll be enough imag-

ination, goodwill, and enough vi-

sion to make Jerusalem .

something very very special,

for hundreds of millions of people - and also the essence of peace between our two peoples." Mr Netanyahu also announced that another 5,000 Palestinian day labourers would be allowed to enter Israel from the West Bank and Gaza. This

brings the total to 40,000.

IMRE KARACS

Hauptstürmfuhrer, Karl Hass.

now aged 84, and intended to

try him for the massacre of 335

civilians in Italy during the Sec-

Unlike Priebke, who fled to

in Italy, not wanted by a soul.

Assumed dead, he was discov-

ered by the prosecution in May,

staying at his daughter's house in Switzerland.

to Italy for the trial, and expected

to nail Priebke with his testi-

mony. But on the eve of his court

appearance, Mr Hass appears to

have changed his mind. He tried

to climb down from the window

of his first-floor hotel room,

The court had to assemble

around Mr Hass's hospital bed

to hear his account of the mas-

sacre in the Ardeatine Caves,

Describing the killing of 335 civil-

ians as "a moment of idiocy", he

proceeded to tear the prosecu-

tion's case to shreds, insisting that

Priebke had had no choice but

follow orders. In the course of

his testimony, Mr Hass did,

however, contrive to implicate

himself directly in the massacre. His admission is enough to

convict him in a German court.

The Bonn Justice Ministry is

seeking the extradition of both

Priebke, who was found guilty but pronounced unpunishable

by an Italian military court last

week, and Mr Hass. In Priebke's

case German prosecutors have

slipped and broke his pelvis.

He was persuaded to return

ond World War.



Warlord's son puts paid to Somalia's yearning for peace

Mogadishu —In a ward of the Key Saney hospital, in north Mogadishu, is a tiny child with a disproportionately long name. Abdulahi Abdi Ahmed is 17 months old, with wispy, black hair and large, brown eyes. He lies on his back, staring up at his mother who sits on the edge of the bed, fanning him to keep off the flies. His stomach is covered with dressing and surgical tape.

At the end of the bed a doctor bolds up an X-ray picture to the light. The bullet, which lodged in Abdulahi's right side, is clearly visible on the black-

and-white image.
"He was in his mother's arms when a stray round hit him", Dr Hassan Sabrie said. "We have removed the bullet and now he can take some food and liquids. But he is paralysed from the waist down. This child will

Abdulahi Abdi was injured in the same fighting which, the week before last, saw the fatal wounding of Mohamed Aideed, Somalia's most infamous warlord. As the child and his family cowered inside their home, the sound of guafire echoed all around them in the Aidced was leading an attack against Mussa Sudi, a faction leader in the capital who was allied to his bitter rival, Ali Mahdi Mohamed.

Little Abdulahi was admitted to Key Sancy on 25 July, the day after General Aideed was wounded in the stomach. On that day the hospital took in 48 casualties, its highest number that month.

The child was one of 23 injured people who were allowed to cross the Green Line which divides the south and the north of the city. The two hos-pitals in southern Mogadishu are run down and often close because of fighting. But Key Saney, a former prison, is located in a northern part of the city, away from the war.

There are many other people in Abdulahi's ward who were wounded in Mogadishu's most recent round of fighting. Among them was Asha Moharned, a 26-year-old woman who lost her baby when a stray bullet entered her belly. Then there Mohamed Abdi Abdi, aged two, who was hit in the

The death of the faction leader General Aideed has not eased the country's agony, writes David Orr

outside his house: and Moumin Gureh, a middle-aged former civil servant who lay wounded for five days before his family got him across the Green Line.

The patients in Key Saney receive the best treatment that is available in Mogadishu. Most of them will recover, more or less. Soon they will return home and pick up their lives, trading, doing housework, or being cared for, as children every-where are cared for. They will be forgotten.

Not so General Aideed. Although his body was laid to rest last Friday, his name will be honoured by his clansmen and supporters for many years. It

We hope for peace now that General Aideed is dead. We have had too much war here'

will live on also through his son, Hussein Farah Aideed, who was chosen as his successor by a council of clan elders at the weekend.

The 35-year-old Hussein was educated in the United States and only returned to live in Mogadishu last year. While serving as a US Marine in 1993, he was part of the US intervention force which went to Somalia under a United Nations mandate, in order to bring peace and humanitarian aid.

His father, a fierce opponent of foreign intervention, led his fighters into battle against the Americans and the other troops in the country. US forces pulled out in 1994, having lost some three dozen soldiers at General Aideed's hands. The last UN peace-keepers left last year,

after losing about 100 men.
There are many Somalis, particularly those living in the northern part of Mogadishu,

held by Ali Mahdi, who believe there is now an opportunity to end the war which has devas-

tated the country and left the

capital in ruins. "We hope for peace, now that General Aideed is dead", said Daud Shino, a young man who has lost one brother and seen four others wounded in the

We have had too much war here, everyone has had people in their family killed. Perhaps the fighting will stop now". Mr Shino sits at a roadside

tea stall with a group of traders, former government workers and students. Around them are artillery-blasted buildings and the detritus of five years' war: mounds of rubble, wrecked cars and decaying piles of rubbish.

Despite regular outbreaks of fighting in southern Mo-gadishu, the Green Line and the northern part of the city have been quiet of late. But there is young men. So, they hang around, discussing politics. The Somalis have invented a phrase for the members of such "talking shops"; they call them "fad-hi ku dirir", or sitting fighters.

Some of the men in these groups are undoubtedly militiamen, or former militiamen. They all swear loyalty to Ali Mahdi and say they will fight the Aideed faction if they have to. As they sit there, the sound of gunfire is carried on the wind across the Green Line. "Don't worry", they say, laughing, "it's only people trying out the guns at Bakara market. There is no shooting here".

But the shooting in Mo-gadishu could start again for real. When General Aideed died last week, Ali Mahdi declared a ceasefire on behalf of his side. However, Hussein, the newly-proclaimed leader of the Aideed faction, has made no such conciliatory gestures. Indeed, he has vowed to eliminate all his enemies, both inside and outside the country. Now Ali Mahdi has said that he will have to reconsider his



The Aideed faction has been considerably weakened since the defection last year of the general's former financier, Osman Atto. But, despite the splintering of the clan alliances and the death of their general, the Aideed faction seems as in-

tent on warmongering as ever.

A window of opportunity

Gun law: Children gather around a young militiaman patrolling the streets of the divided city of Mogadishu Photograph: Corinne Dufka/Reuter

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might have opened but it is clos-ing fast. Amidst all the suffering of this hopeless conflict, Somalis are bracing themselves for yet more death and

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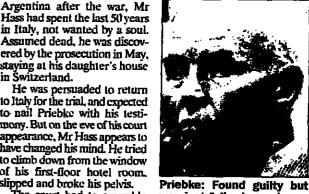
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The SS officer who claims to the circumstances of his extradition from Argentina. Mr know the whereabouts of the missing Nazi loot and was the key witness in the botched tri-Hass's chances of returning to his homeland seem brighter. al of Erich Priebke is wanted by If he is handed over to Gerhis Fatherland. The German aumany his trial would focus not thorities confirmed yesterday only on the question of war guilt. that they were seeking the exbut might reveal the secret of the tradition from Italy of former SS

40 days to hand over his dossier to the Italians, but bringing

him to justice is complicated by

Nazis' continued prosperity after the war. In interviews Mr Hass had hinted at an international conspiracy involving western governments and intelligence agencies to shield war



was just following orders

criminals from justice. He himself had been allowed to live in peace in Italy, he told the Rome

newspaper Il Messaggero. He also said that some of the gold looted by the Nazis from occupied countries still laid buried beneath a fortress near Bolzano, while the remainder had vanished from its hiding place near Rome.

By arguing that he and

Priebke had a choice about carrying out the order to execute civilians. Mr Hass refuted the war criminals' notorious "Nuremberg defence". Had he stuck to this version in his testimony, Priebke would probably be serving a jail sentence today.

stomach while he was playing My accomplice in a great escape from the scene of the crime

Anyone who works for a few months as a journalist in Russia develops a habit. They can hardly type the word "police" without, almost by reflex, also writing "corrupt".

With good reason. Westerners in Moscow face demands for money from traffic cops with such frequency that they refer to the follipop-shaped batons with which patrolmen wave down cars as "pazhaluista sticks" - "please" sticks. Police forces the world over have their bad apples; in Russia they seem to come by the barrel-load. Yet it is only fair to report an

incident which proves there are exceptions, albeit 5,587 miles to the east of the capital. It was in the sea port of Vladivostok that I was relieved of my wallet. It contained credit cards. almost all my cash, and my air ticket home. Weary after three days on the Trans-Siberian rail-

leaving my jacket on a chair in a bar for a few moments. Anywhere else, the matter could be resolved by calling your eredit card companies and wiring some money overnight. Not here. Automated bank tellers, freephone numbers,

way. I had made the mistake of

VLADIVOSTOK

telephone cards, reverse charge calls - all have yet to come to this litter-strewn backwater on reek of vodka hung in the air. the Sea of Japan. Cash is everything. I had \$8. I was interviewed by a de-

Some cities are worth being stranded in for a day or two, but Vladivostok – until six years ago a Soviet naval base closed to foreigners - is not among them. At this time of year, it is as clammy as a Russian bath-house. Power cuts sometimes last all day, because the Kremlin is delaying energy payments.

I demanded that the police be

called to the bar, after failing to persuade its security men to get involved. Their walkie-talkies and bully-boy swaggers were evidently intended to resolve larger issues. Two young policemen arrived, looking like mackerel entering a shark pool. Mystifyingly, they took in a waitress, and carted us all off to the decrepit police station.
In matia-infested Vladivos-

tok, where there are three or

four murders a night, a stolen

wallet is about as interesting as

a case of apple scrumping. The duty captain wore one of those heard-it-all-before faces; the

tective who asked one question:
"Did the barmaid do it?" Answer: "I very much doubt it; she was nowhere near me." I knew the cops wanted to shelve the crime as soon as possible; what I wanted was a way home. It was at this point that I met

Major Sergei Zhukovsky. Nothing about this young detective's appearance (tatty jeans and sneakers, mouth full of gold teeth), his office (cubbyhole with a photo of his Cossack grandfather and a safe containing his coffee supply) or his views (tsarist) inspired hope. What chance was there of

getting a flight to Moscow without a ticket, I asked, as he poured us a large vodka from a tin can. Very little, he replied. I do not know whether it was pity, kindness, the vodka or a de-

sire to rid himself of a muisance,

but after offering me a bed at

jor and a female captain took me to the airport.

Here the major padded wolfishly around until he found the right person. "The airlines don't have to take any notice of the city police," he said, flourishing his badge in yet another face. "I'd say your chances are 50-50."

Together, the two braved the permafrost frowns of airline officials. There is no Western equivalent of the distrust, doubt and unco-operativeness that can occupy the space between the hairline and the cheek-bones of a Russian bureaucrat. We ended up pleading my

case in the airport director's of-

fice, as if before a judge in chambers. After studying the paperwork, half-moon glasses perched on his nose, he relented, and jotted out a note. An hour later I was flying west. The police in Vladivostok, always poorly paid, haven't seen any wages for several months. Not once did either officer ask

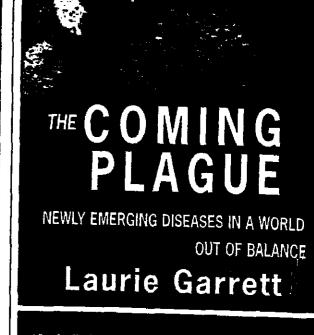
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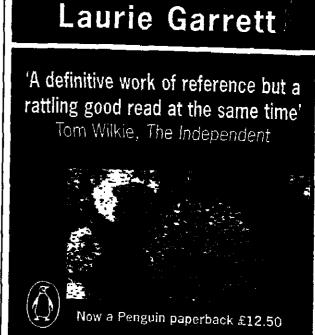
other than a warm farewell

handshake. Russia has some

good cops; you just have to know how to find them. Phil Reeves

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Geoff Hamilton

Although garden experts inhabit a less venal corner of the media world than many other specialists, the stars who command regular television spots are greatly envied by the ruck of the profession. Yet nobody begrudged Geoff Hamilton his success as presenter of BBC2's Gardeners' World because he was so patently pre-eminent in the role he had filled since 1979. Easily the most popular of modern television gardeners, his death, eight days before his 60th birthday, leaves a void in the lives of 3 million viewers who tune in to the programme on BBC2 every Friday

His passion for gardening and his impressive depth of knowledge were conveyed in a relaxed and affable manner that inspired confidence in experts and novices alike. When he had his first heart attack last year, thousands of viewers sent him flowers and get-well greetings. Over the years, many pre-senters tried to copy his style but never achieved the right balance. It is hard to be matey without seeming to patronise; to celebrate floral beauty without being precious; to play the countryman without tipping into the character of the country bumpkin, as some of his predecessors and contemporaries had done.

In fact, he was not a countryman at all, being perversely proud of his origins in Stepney, east London, where he was born one of twins. When he was two, the family moved to rural Hertfordshire, where he soon developed an interest in gardening, taking part-time work in a local nursery while still at school.

After graduating from agricultural college he became a nurseryman and landscape gardener, and began writing a column for Garden News in 1970. Five years later he took up journalism full-time and became editor of Practical

His colleagues in the media liked him because it was impossible not to: he was invariably friendly, helpful and, on screen, utterly professional. In 1991, when the BBC put Gardeners' World out to an independent producer, there was never a doubt that Hamilton would stay as its main presenter. Tony Larvea, whose company, Catalyst, was awarded the contract to produce the

John Agar was an electro-

chemist who spent his academic

career at Cambridge. His asso-

ciation with electrochemistry

and with Sidney Sussex College

lasted for the whole of his

branch of physical chemistry

which deals with the solutions

of salts and also includes con-

ducting solids and liquids (such

as fused salts, the basis of many

He was born in 1914, and was

educated at Bradfield College

in Berkshire. In 1932 he went

up to Sidney Sussex with an

Open Scholarship and read Natural Science, obtaining First

Class Honours in both parts of

the Tripos. He was elected to a

College Research Studentship

in 1935, and began research

with the eminent chemist F.P.

He completed his PhD in

1938, and that year saw the pub-

lication of a paper in the Pro-

ccedings of the Royal Society on

the kinetics of electrode reac-

tions, including reactions in

molten caustic soda. Reference

has continued to be made to this

'fuel cells").

Bowden.

Electrochemistry is that

utive producer, said: "Geoff had a genuine love of gardening: it came out of every pore, and he was able to communicate it effectively because he was an ordinary bloke. He wasn't pretentious. He had a nononsense approach and an authority that came through his knowledge. You saw it and you believed it.

"New people on the programme were amazed when they saw him in front of the camera. It all came so naturally to him. If something hadn't worked he could tell straight away and he would do it again, getting it exactly right. He also had a marvellous sense of

Last Friday, two days before he died, Hamilton was busy filming segments for this week's edition of Gardeners' World. He had simultaneously been working on a new series called Hidden Gardens, due to be screened next January. It was to be a follow-up to last winter's highly successful Cottage Gardens: his book accompany-ing that series was on the bestseller list for months.

On this week's Gardeners World he had been due to guide viewers on a tour of his large garden at Barnsdale in Rutland, partly financed by the BBC. It was also his home, where he lived with his second wife Lynda. Although the public are seldom allowed into Barnsdale it is one of the most famous gardens in the country because Hamilton's demonstrations of gardening techniques were filmed there. It is made up of several distinct garden areas. many constructed in front of the cameras for the benefit of

He seemed less comfortable when presenting the programme from other people's gardens and being forced to enthuse over aspects that he may not necessarily have liked. He was happiest on his own patch explaining practicalities, wielding the spade or hoe or getting his bands and knees dirty. With such a wide audience it was inevitable that his ideas should influence horticultural fashion: for instance, his habit of mixing vegetables and flowers in the same border is increasingly

Gardening is a big-money leisure industry but Hamilton was not a reliable friend of business interests. Knowing

for more than 50 years. His co-

author Bowden was ill at the

time, and Agar's contribution to

this paper was a major achieve-

ment. He had by then moved to

U.R. Evans's Corrosion Labo-

ratory, where another colleague

was T.P. ("Sam") Hoar. The ad-

vent of the Second World War

saw Agar involved with ship

corresion problems, including

two years with the Admiralty

Department of Physical Chem-

istry at Cambridge as an ICI

Fellow, becoming successively Demonstrator in 1947, Lectur-

er in 1948 and Reader in 1965.

He retired in 1981, but re-

mained active in the department

and college for some years

thereafter. He was Head of

the Department of Physical

Chemistry for two short

periods, a post which he was probably glad to give up, as

administration was not really to

his taste. In college he held sundry posts including that of

Agar was an academic and a

scholar when those words did

not carry pejorative undertones.

ln 1945 he returned to the

Metallurgical Laboratory.



to spare, he directed much of his advice towards saving costs. Why use purpose-made flower pots when you can recycle yoghurt containers? Or buy an expensive cloche when you can make one yourself for a few pounds? His penchant for low-cost improvisation, allied to his perpetual air of boyish innocence, sometimes made the programme feel like a grown-up version of Blue

His millions of fans did not include the makers of fertilisers and pesticides. He was an organic gardener, eschewing chemicals and passionately opposing the use of peat in pot-

His subject of electrochemistry

can involve complicated math-

ematics. Perhaps that is why an

irritated F.C. Tompkins, for

years the Secretary of the Fara-

day Society, proclaimed the subject as "unfit for study".

(He went on to say the same an-

plied for chemical engineering.

thus am I doubly disadvan-

taged.) His published works

are few by modern custom, but

by standards of quality they are

very high. His reputation was

truly international and he was

often sought as an author to give

an authoritative review; his

1963 paper in Advances in Elec-

trochemistry is an example. His

works are still being referred to

search student. I cannot say that

I chose him as a supervisor be-

cause of his charismatic teach-

ing in Part 2. John Agar

sometimes found it hard to

perceive the difficulties which

students could have in under-

standing what seemed simple to

but carried an aura of scholar-

ship which a subsequent col-

league of mine, now a Reader

him. He was the gentlest of men.

In 1952 I became Agar's re-

long after his retirement.

John Agar

endanger natural habitats. Although never cranky or obsessive about ecology he was one of the first New Age gardeners, politically correct before the phrase became fashionable. As such he was in sharp contrast to Percy Thrower, the first pre-senter of Gardeners' World, summarily fired from the programme in 1975 for the sin of making television commercials for garden chemicals.

A widely known gardening expert has numerous calls on his time: not just the on-screen work, but newspaper and mag-azine articles, books and endless personal appearances. Some of Hamilton's friends

himself, described as "fright-

ening". Both of us found him anything but frightening if you talked to him. He was incredi-

bly knowledgeable about a wide

range of physical science (his wartime work had had a strong-ly practical orientation). His of-

fice was lined with notebooks

dealing with all sorts of topics

which had caught his attention.

He lent them to me from time

to time, and it was a struggle to

keep pace with both the science

He was a most unassuming

man who always seemed to

wear the same tweed jacket. He

had the least inflammable pipe

sumed more matches than to-

bacco, and its knocking out

on the central heating pipe in

his office told everyone else that

he was in. He drove a small

open-top car of similar vintage

to his pipe and jacket, and

was the least materialistic of

men. He could be very funny.

in a kind way, about the modern trends in academia,

which were certainly not to his

In 1952 he married Delia

liking.

I have ever known - it con-

and the handwriting.

well as having to find the time to do his own gardening, that contributed to last year's heart

He was off the air for three months while he recuperated, and on his doctor's orders lost weight and took more exercise, including cycling. The fatal attack occurred while he was on a charity bike ride at the weekend, doing his bit for a good cause while trying to keep fit.

Michael Leapman

Geoff Hamilton, journalist, broadcaster and gardener: born London 12 August 1936; twice married (three sons); died near the contract to produce the that many of his viewers were ting composts because extract—think it was his refuctance to Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan 4 show and who is now its exec-pensioners, with little money ing it from the earth can turn down such engagements, as August 1996.



Agar: 'frightening' scholarship

Simpson, a Fellow of Newnham, who also lectured, in spectroscopy, in the Physical Chemistry Department. They had no children. On my return visits to Cambridge in recent years, Delia's care of John was clear, not least in his long final illness. **Robin Turner**

John Newton Agar, electrochemist: born 11 August 1914; Fellow, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge 1950-81 (Emericus); Demonstrator in Physical Chem-istry, Cambridge University 1947-48, Lecturer 1948-65, Reader 1965-81; married 1952 Delia Simpson; died Cambridge 11

Professor Glanville Jones

of his academic career at Leeds University, where he was first appointed as an Assistant Lecturer in 1949. An accomplished and dedicated teacher, with a wide range of interests, he made a distinguished contribution to the development of historical geography at his university and much further affield. His scholarship was recognised by his appointment as Professor of Historical Geography in 1974.

Throughout these years of unremitting activity his research work was concentrated mainly, though not exclusively, on his native Wales. He was born at Felindre, in the parish of Llan-gyfelach, Glamorgan, where his forebears had lived for generations. After war service, commissioned in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, he completed his degree in Geography at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. The school had a strong tradition in historical geography, and Jones was drawn to the study of medieval rural settlement. His choice was greatly influenced, too, by the inspiring presence of T Jones Pierce, Professor of Medieval Welsh History, who su-pervised his postgraduate study of the defensive measures adopted by the 13th-century princes of Gwynedd in their conflicts with the English crown. Traditional historical inter-

pretation had portrayed medieval Welsh society as a largely free society given to what remained, even in the period of the medieval princes, a seminomadic pastoral economy. Glanville Jones, first broaching his ideas in a seminal paper on Anglesey in 1955, argued that Welsh society had contained, from a very early period, a much more substantial bond (unfree) population than had hitherto been imagined. He later developed his conception of a "multiple estate" which consisted of a network of demesne lands whose agrarian and pastoral resources were systematically exploited for the sustenance of the royal dynas-

Glanville Jones spent the whole nes. In recent months he was greatly excited by the archaeological surveys which, at long last, are beginning to reveal traces of the clusive princely courts, such as that uncovered at Rhosyr in Anglesey, which had been the foci of the economic organisation that he had done so much to illuminate.

Apart from the bond settlements, he was convinced that free kindreds, too, had long been engaged in stable agranan activity, and by his meticu-lous study of the documentary sources, patient work upon the law texts, and his intimate knowledge of landscape, he was able to elucidate, much more clearly than ever before, the field systems and settlement patterns which emerged from Welsh methods of land exploitation and inheritance. His work initiated a fundamental reconsideration of the respective rolls of tillage and stock-raising

Glanville Jones's work on early and medieval Wales obviously had implications, which he himself explored, not only for border areas that had been subject to Anglo-Saxon settlement, but for wide areas of central England and especially its northern regions. Leeds was itself at the centre of a land with a distinctive British inheritance, and important associations with early Welsh poetry. His contri-butions to the debate on cultural continuities remain highly in-vigorating papers. Well versed in the documentary sources, the legal literature and the poetry for he had a complete fluency in the Welsh language - he brought a remarkable armoury to bear upon the study of the landscapes he knew so well

in a medieval economy.

and loved so deeply. Jones was a scholar whose unstinting loyalty and dedication placed him under immense physical strain. At Leeds he bore his full share in administrative responsibility, and he is particularly remembered for his greatly caring chairmanship, during the stressful Eighties, of the committee responsible for the colleges under the aegis of 1996.



the university. He maintained, too, a constant allegiance to the University of Wales. He was an assiduous external examiner for many years, and served on innumerable appointing committees.

Loyalty was matched by extraordinary courage as he withstood deteriorating health with exemplary resolve. He re-tired from his Chair in 1989, finding new energy to complete a sequence of studies on which he had set his mind. An extended version of a paper he delivered, much against the medical odds, at the International Congress of Celtic Stud-ies at Edinburgh in 1995, which is still to appear, is testimony to his great fortitude. That he was able to do so owed much to the joy and fulfilment which he found in his family. A devoted and generous husband and father, he cherished the love and support of his wife, Pam, and the strong and affectionate bond with his two able children in whose professional success he took great pride.

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Glanville Rees Jeffreys Jones. historical gengrapher: hom Felindre, Glamorgan 12 December 1923; Reader in Historical Geography, Leeds University 1969-74, Professor of Historical Geography 1974-89; married 1949 Margaret Sievens (marriage dissolved 1958), 1959

Neville Wadia

Neville Wadia was the last of India's aristocratic taipans, who expanded his family textile concern into one of India's largest and donated lavishly for the welfare of the Parsee community to which he belonged. For 25 years he beaded Bom-

bay Dyeing, still a byword for quality across India, but he was a part of the company for 44 years, joining it - even though his father owned it - as a shopfloor assistant. Wadia also ily's philanthropic tradition by building hospitals, colleges and baugs, or homes, for Parsees in the western port city of Bombay, where a majority of this dwindling community lives.

Though born a Christian – his father had renounced the the hard way. Brought up in op-Zoroastrian faith of the Parsees and converted to Christianity -Wadia became a Parsee a few vears ago amidst much controversy. The orthodox Parsee clergy, tasked with preserving racial purity, objected to his conversion, strictly forbidden under Zoroastrianism, while the relatively liberal priests justified it on grounds that at heart Wadia was a true believer.

The Parsees are a small but high-profile community who migrated to western India from a small town called Par in Persia around the eighth century, to escape religious persecution. The light-skinned, handsome settlers were erudite, clever and natural businessmen and over the centuries established successful trading and manufacturing businesses in port cities like Bombay and Karachi (now in Pakistan).

Neville Wadia's father, Sir Ness Wadia, was one such entrepreneur, responsible for turning Bombay into one of the influential family friends he world's largest cotton trading centres in the late 19th century. The sudden rise in cotton prices which followed the drop in supplies from America during the civil war led to Bombay's astute Parsee merchants stenping in and making up the shortfall by exporting cotton from the fertile Deccan plateau in the south.

Soon, Bombay became a il the Britisl aided largely by the forwardlooking Parsee community, developed this disease-ridden, swampy fishing village into one of India's major textile centres.

Neville Wadia, however, cut his teeth in the textile business ulence in England where he was born and educated, he was unceremoniously flung into work at Bombay Dyeing by his father in the early Thirties, starting at the most junior level in each department and slowly working his way to the top. He was paid no salary and given only a meagre allowance belitting a lowly employee.

This training proved invaluable to Wadia, who succeeded his father as chairman of Bombay Dyeing in 1952 and turned it into one of India's most successful and quality-conscious textile concerns. In 1971, however, the eccentric Wadia startled Bombay's conservative business circles by announcing his decision to sell up and settle abroad.

But Nusli, his son, then 26 years old, had his own ambitions of owning and running the company and devised a strategy to stop his father. With help from his mother and sister and

began by garnering 11 per cent of the company shares and went on to persuade the employees to pool their savings and buy shares, thereby preventing the sale. The manoeuvrings worked and Wadia, forced to abandon his disposal plans, retired a few years later to be succeeded as chairman by his son.

Neville Ness Wadia was born in Liverpool in 1911, and was boom town and sensing its po-educated at Malvern College and Inmity College, Cambridge Soon after graduating he married Dina, daughter of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, and joined his father's textile business in 1933, supervising the loading of cotton bales on to trucks.

> He became company chairman in 1952, retiring 25 years later. During this period cotton exports from India were growing and to help them expand he founded the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council. which he headed for 12 years. Wadia also contributed to building new wings and upgrading several hospitals in Bombay founded by his family, and established a commerce college in Pune, 120 miles south of Bombay, along with a host of charitable trusts for Parsees.

Quietly spoken and full of Victorian charm, Wadia loved nothing better than walking round the various hospitals and Parsee homes associated with

Kuldip Singh

Neville Ness Wadia, industrialist and philanthropist, born Liverpool 12 August 1911; married Dina Jinnah (one son, one daughter); died Bombay 31 July 1996.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

CLAXTON: On 31 July 1996, at the Westwood Hospital, Beverley, to Karen (nee Caskie) and Richard, a son, Oliver Matthew.

DEATHS

BUTLER-COLE: Mary Ross (nee Den-nys), much-loved wife of Michael Butler-Cole, mother of Christopher and Rosemary, grandmother great-grandmother. Funeral at St. Augustine's. West Monkton, at 2.30pm on Thursday S August. No flowers but donations if desired in her memory to the NSPCC.

EDWARDS: Anthony Paul John, on 23 July 1996, suddenly but peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. aged 73 years. The funeral has taken place and, by request, there will be no memorial service or requient. En-

McGUINNESS: On 4 August, at home, in Portumna. Mary, beloved wife of the late John and mother of Ursula, Terry and Miriam, loving Gran of the O'Donovan and Cotter families. Sadly missed by all the family. R.P.

Birthdays

Vice-Master.

The Countess of Albemarle, former chairman, the Development Commission, 87; Sir Chris Bonin mountaineer, 62: Mr Richard Buckle, exhibition designer, 80; Sir Michael Connell, High Court judge, 57; Mr Rouald Davies MP, 50; Mr Michael Deeley, film producer, 64; Col James Ellis Evans, former Lord-Lieutenant of Clwyd, 86; Mr John Evans, Chief Constable, Devon and Cornwall, 53; Mr Frank Finlay, ac-tor, 70; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, 73; Dame Monica Golding, former Colonel Commandant OARANC, 94: Mr Andrew Greets. ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 55; Sir Howard Hodgkin, painter, 64; Sir Freddie Laker, chairman and managing director. Laker Airways (Baarchitectural historian, 88; Miss Moira Lister, actress, 73: Sir Donald McCallum, chairman, Laser Ecosse, 74; The Rev Dr William McCrea MP. 48; Air Vice-Marshal Thomas Macdonald, \$7; Sir David Madel MP, 58; Mr Dom Mintoff, former prime minister of Malta, 80; Mr Robert Mitchum, actor, 79; Mr David O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 40; Sir Duncan Oppenheim, former presi-dent, British-American Tobacco, 92: Judge Valerie Pearlman. circuit judge, 60; Mr John Reid, jockey, 41; Lord Swaythling, chairman, Rothmans International, 68; Miss Barbara Windsor, actress, 59; Mr Charles Wood, television and film writer, 64

Anniversaries

Births: Matthew Parker ("Nosey Parker"), Archbishop of Canter-bury, 1504; Nicolas de Malebranche, philosopher, 1638; François de Sali-gnac de la Mothe Fenelon, playwright, priest and author, 1651; William Hyde Wollaston, chemist and physicist, 1766; Daniel O'Connell, Irish leader and lawyer, 1775; Alfred. first Baron Tennyson, poet, 1809; Rolf Boldrewood (Thomas Alexander Browne), novelist, 1826; Paul-Louis Charles-Marie Claudel, poet, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist, who discovered penicillin, 1881; John Middleton Murry, author and editor, 1889; William Joseph Slim. first Viscount Slim. field marshal. 1891. Deaths: Stephen V, King of Hungary, 1272; Anne Hathaway. wife of William Shakespeare, 1623; Ben Jonson, playwright, 1637; Diego Rodriguez de Silva y Velazquez, painter, 1660; John George Haigh, acid bath murderer, executed 1949. On this day: the Moors were defeated by the Spanish at the Battle of Simancas, 939; the Holy Roman Empire ended after the crown was renounced by Francis II, who became Francis I, Emperor of Austria, 1806;

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Bolivia declared its independence from Peru, 1825; the Savoy Hotel, London, was opened, 1889; in the United States, the electric chair was used for the first time to execute a murderer (William Kemmler) in New York, 1890; the Corinth Canal. Greece, was opened, 1893; Gerunde Ederle, swimmer, became the first woman to swim the English Channel, 1926; Don Juan, the first featurelength sound film, was publicly shown in the United States, 1926; the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, 1945; Jamaica became independent, 1962. Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration and the Feast

Church

of Southwark.

appointments Capon Gordon Reid, Vicar-General of the diocese in Europe: to be also Archdeacon in Europe, same

Day of St Hormisdas, pope and Saints Justus and Pastor.

Canon Nick Bory, Vicar of St Peterin-Thanet and Rural Dean of Thanet, diocese of Canterbury, to be Dean of Gloucester. Canon Dr David Atkinson. Residentiary Canon, Chancellor and Missioner of Southwark cathedral, to be Archdeacon of Lewisham, diocese

The Rev Peter Forster, Vicar of Beverley Minster, diocese of York, to be op of Chester. Canon Gordon Ogilvie, Team Rector, St Paul's, Harlow New Town, and an Honorary Canon of Chelmsford

be Archdeacon of Nottingham, dio cese of Southwell. The Rev John Ashe, Vicar, Godalming: now also Rural Dean of Godalming (Guildiord). The Rev Margaret Barskey, NSM, St Thomas, Boston, Sichrbeck Quarter: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Swinesthead (Lincoln). The Rev Stan Binduti, Chaplain to HM Prison Fentiland (Durham): to be Chaplain, HM Young Officaders Institution, Deerbolt (Brom).

Cathedral, diocese of Chelmsford, to

(Ripon).
The Rev Andrew Body, Team Rectar, Red-born (Salubury): to be Vicar, St Lawrence, Chobbarn (Guildford).
The Rev Moura Davies, Assistant Curate. Camerbury); to be Priest-in-charge, tes and Grainthorpe with Con-

istionne (Lincom).

Canno Alan Dawlons, to be Chaplain of St
John's Hospital and Burser of St John's and
St Nicholas Hospitals (Canterbury).

The Rev Andrew Doye, Curate, Surbiton, St
Manthew (Southwark): to be Assistant Curate,
the Bourne, Farnham (Guiddford). The Rev Timothy Edge, Curate, Bedworth (Coventry): to be Team Vicur, Witney Team Ministry (Oxford).
The Rev Richard Eyre, Priest-in-charge, Saxonwell group: now also Rural Dean of Grantham (Lincoln).

The Rev Rod Garner, Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity. Southport: to be Vicar of that parish The Rev Christopher Grundy: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Christ Church, Guildford (Guildford) The Rev Elizabeth Hatchman, Assistant Cu-rate, Saints Peter and Psul, Aston: to be As-sistant Curate, St Giles, Rowley Regis (Biominehum) (Biranngham). Canon Peter Heartheld: to be Prior of St.John's and St Nicholas Hospitals (Canterbury). The Rev Julian Hubbard, Vicar, The Bourne,

am: to be also Rural Dean of Fami (Cullistord).
The Rev Robert Hurley, Carate, Egg Bock-land (Enster): to be Cambernell Deanery Mis-sioner and Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Cambernell (Southwark).

Camberwell Southware,
The Rev David Jasper: now Curate (NSM),
Reading St Marthew (Oxford).
The Rev Alison Joyce, Theor. West Midlands
Training Course, Queen's College, Birming-ham: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Anne,
Manufer (Birminghem).

The Rev Nelson Kagwa, Programmes Co-or-dinator of the Black Community Forum (UK), Sheffield: to be Vicar, St Paul, Wordsworth Avenue, Sheffield (Sheffield). The Rev Peter Knapper, Priest-in-charge, Blackbeath, The Ascension (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary Magdalene, Holowood (Guildford). The Rev Francis Malambue, Parish Evan-gelas, St John with St Andrew, Waterion: to be Vicar, St Cathesine (Haberdashers). Hatch-

am (Southwark).
The Rev Robert Martin, Assistant Curate, parish of Kentish Ewen: to be Vicar, St Paul's, Harringay (London).
The Sev Alexander Mundoch, Vicar, The West The Rev Alexander Murdoch, Vicar, The West Poldens (Bath and Wells): to be Rector, the Gate group of parishes (Oxford).

The Rev Peter Nicholson, Tham Vicar, Great Baddow Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Westelfford-Sea, St Michael and All Ameels (Chelussiond).

The Rev Bryan Owen, Warden, Scottish Omerics House, Downles (S. Andrews, Sootish Omerics House, Dumbane (S. Andrews, Sootish

The Rev John Peck, NSM, Ventnor parishes, iste of Wight (Portsmouth): to be Chaplain, Beatwood College (Oxford).
The Rev David Rumoutn, previously Vicar, St Stephen, Castle Hill (London): to be Director of Pastoral and Evengelism Studies at Trimity College (Bristol): tor of Pastoral and Evengenam Structure at 1111ity College (Bristol).

The Rev Jackie Searle, formerly Assistant Curate, S. Stephen, Casile Hill (London): to be
part-time Lecturer at Trimity College. Bristol
(Bristol).

The Rev Robert Silson, Vicur. Biggleswade:
to be also Rural Dean of Bigglessrade (St
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Albans).

The Rev John Twinleton, Vicar, St Luke, Coventry (Coventry): to be Area Missioner, Edmonton Area (Loudon).

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The Rev David Weir, formerly Assistant Chrate, St John the Baptist, Locks Heath: to be Assistant Curate, Warren Park, St Chra and Leigh Park St Francis, held in plurality (Portsmouth).

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The Rev Robert Whate, Vicar, St Clare, Warren Park and Priest-in-charge, St Francis, Leigh Park to be the incumbent, Warren Park, St Clare and Leigh Park, St Francis, held in plurality (Purtsmouth).
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to be Vicar, Walsall Wood (Lichfield).
The Rev Mark Wigglessorth, Assistant Carate, Goole: to be Prinst-in-charge, Askern,
Donossier (Sheffield).

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Lectures

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Pair Game (i): Rubens, An Autumn Landscape with a View of Het Steen in the Early Morning", 1pm. British Museum: Frank Minney, "Ivory for Decorative and Practical Purposes Throughout the Ages", 1.15pm.

Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11 am; 1st Battalion Irish Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backingham Palace, 11.30am, hand pro-

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The net curtains of the nation are twitching. Those bad boys on barrafter I. Those bad boys on to place new obligations on those who benefit who spend half the week cleaning windows should take a second look at the faces staring out at them. Peter Lilley is encouraging us to shop our neighbours who are fraudulently claiming benefit from the state. If local pilot schemes are anything to go by, the public response should be immense.

This latest "Beat a Cheat" cam-

paign is the tip of the iceberg. Alongside growing hostility towards fraudsters, there is a widespread anxiety about genuine benefit recipients too. As the benefit lists get longer, the tax-payer's bill gets higher, and voters, politicians and policy-makers are starting to wonder: is it enough just to enforce existing rules, or should those very rules be changed?

The crux of the debate is well expressed by a Tony Blair soundbite: "Rights and responsibilities". From every side of the political spectrum people are revising their ideas about the kinds of antillaments the necessary. the kinds of entitlements the poor and the unemployed should have, and about what it is fair to demand in return.

But while these are proper questions to ask, we should beware seeking fashionable answers across the Atlantic. The new US welfare bill, which rightwing politicians and commentators suggest we emulate, has the balance between rights and responsibilities

accept state support, they have to be practicable, and they have to be matched by extra state help as well.

A consensus is certainly emerging that the present system needs change. The welfare state was designed 50 years ago for a very different society and a very different labour market. Men worked, women, by and large, did not. More marriages lasted longer (however happily). Even men with no skills or qualifications at all could find work. None of this is any longer so. Men and women can find themselves unemployed for years at a time. Jobs for the unskilled are hard to find, except at rates of pay which leave people worse off than on benefits. And absent fathers are hitched up with expensive second families.

It should be no shock to discover that the state's obligations to the poor and unemployed need to be revised for the turn of the century. After all, the idea that the state should take responsibility for insuring people against unem-ployment, and protecting families against poverty, is a historical aberration in the grand scheme of things. For thousands of years, families that could not support themselves relied on the church, charity or the patronising compassion of their local community to stop them starving.

In Britain, most of us agree that the



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state should continue to help those who lose their jobs and ameliorate poverty, especially among children. And the minimum we expect from benefit recipients in return is that they play fair. The net-curtain brigade is as good a way to ensure that as any other. Most people agree too that the state should not just rest at handing out cash, and should encourage people into jobs as well. The welfare-to-work" proposals embodied in the pilot schemes in Kenneth Clarke's 1994 budget, and the more ambitious Labour plans to guarantee jobs and training for the long-term unemployed and the under-25s are all

steps in the right direction.

But how much should we expect from the poor and unemployed in return? As far as the Republicans in the US are concerned, an awful lot. Their new bill, cheerily described by the President as a way to "end welfare as we know it, by getting people off welfare and into work", limits benefit entitlement for families to only two years, before the head of the family must find work. In other words, in exchange for those two years of taxpayers' support, parents have to accept their own responsibility to get a job, and finance their families in the longer

as "tough love",

Right-wing politicians and commentators, including John Redwood, have welcomed the US approach. But the balance of rights and responsibilities it sets out is unrealistic and unfair. For a start, it is immoral to set people responsibilities that they cannot possibly fulfill. When the benefits run out after two years, some parents will still find it hard to get work that pays enough to keep the family. Moreover single parents, who make up most of the people the US bill will affect, will have even more problems finding work that pays well enough to cover their child-care costs as well.

It is all very well setting realistic incentives and responsibilities for those who can work and support themselves, but punishing those who can't - including single mothers and the children

they are trying to bring up - is cruel.

The problem with the US version of new responsibilities is that they are not accompanied by enough new rights. If the state ensures that people have real opportunities to work, including child care where necessary, then it has far more justification for cutting entitlement when people turn them down.

Labour's proposals for the young unemployed are a better model than the US welfare bill. Anyone under 25 out of work more than six months

No place for spies

in this democracy

Sir: May I use your columns to

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("Cheatlines to trap benefit traudsters", 5 August). I can remember the 1930s when as a

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help wipe out regimes that used the same tactics and even went so far as

to get children to spy on their own

Now we hear that a government department has offered a free

telephone line for people to give evidence against their neighbours.

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term. Tough it is. But Clinton himself would be offered training, wage subsi-would presumably prefer to describe it dies for private sector jobs, voluntary or public sector employment. If they turn down reasonable offers, then their benefits will be reduced.

No one is pretending it will be easy to create a fair, effective and affordable welfare system for the 21st century. But, while we catch the fraudsters by whatever legitimate means, we should also remember that most of the poor and unemployed need and deserve active state help to stand on their own two feet.

Number's up for phone box ads

all girl cards could soon become collectors' items. Telephone companies and local authorities have come up with the excellent idea of disconnecting phone numbers that appear on the increas-ingly lewd ads stuffed in phone boxes in all kinds of inner-city areas. In one fell swoop, those explicit photocopies of naked women, complete with salacious invitations, should vanish. But won't pranksters be able to blight the numbers of irritating acquaintances by running up dummy cards? Let's hope not, because this looks like the second legitimate invasion of individual liberty in a single day.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Opposition to Bill Clinton's welfare reform Sir: Nicholas Timmins misses the

central point that Bill Clinton was unable to deliver his welfare reforms largely because, between 1992 and 1994, a Democrat Congress prevented him from doing so ("Welfare: Clinton's lesson for Blair, 2 August). Elected as a New Democrat,

Clinton faced a Congress dominated by old-style liberals unmoved by the groundswell of popular support for the New Democrat agenda. Determined to oppose the President's welfare proposals, Congress opened up divisions between themselves and the White House. And those divisions were exploited by Republicans in the 1994 Congress elections.

Herein lies the real lesson for Labour. Should a few Labour MPs decide to take it upon themselves to try to frustrate Labour's plans for welfare reform, they will allow a right-wing populist to offer simple harsh solutions to those problems Tony Blair will have been

prevented from tackling. That would be a tragedy for the millions of people in Britain who need yet more right-wing dogma like they need a hole in the head. DAVID-JOHN COLLINS.

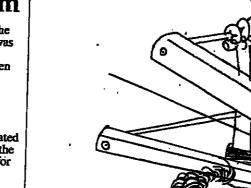
Clinton welfare reform (report, 2 August). Since he has so decided an believes will happen to the people answers this question can he tell us answer it can he tell us why he believes he is entitled to

At present the DSS is not aware of any serious research on what happens to people who have been disentitled to social security benefit. It is irresponsible to recommend any further measures of disentitlement until such

Sir: The disturbing thing about President Clinton's decision to sign the US Welfare Reform Bill is that this new bill is in contravention to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children (Article 4) of which America is one of the

The effects of more recent reductions in US welfare programmes is now being seen across the US, especially in low income family groups with children. Community health organisations across the US are recording increasing malnutrition amongst children from poor (amilies. Children who are underweight compared to the expected weight for children of

their various age groups.
The already reduced welfare food stamp programme now results in many American families living at or below third world levels of nutrition. DAN DRAPER Cowes, Isle of Wight



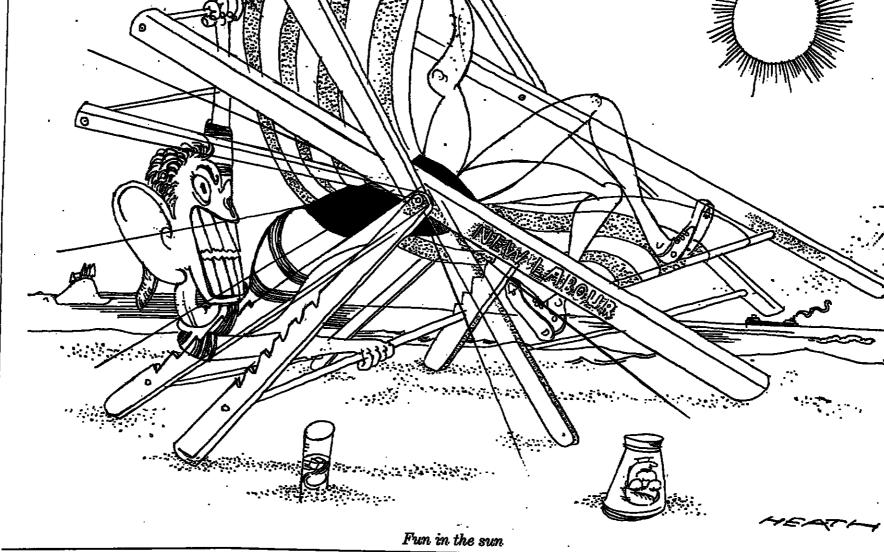
Groombridge, Kent Sir: John Redwood welcomes the opinion can he tell us what he who will lose welfare benefits as a result of these reforms? If he how he knows? If he does not

recommend a major policy change without knowing its consequences:

research exists. John Redwood also says that on many points Tony Blair is to the right of him. I make no comment on the general proposition but if he expects Mr Blair to support the Clinton welfare reforms he is surely being unjust to him. He cannot possibly support such proposals while he claims to be "tough on causes of crime". Earl RUSSELL House of Lords London SWI

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differences.



Forum for religious dialogue

Sir: Robert Fisk ("Burying the Crusader's sword", 1 August) writes that the "American-Israeli 'peace process' " is finally crumbling into dust in the aftermath of the Likud election victory yet he cannot be unaware of the recent meeting between President Mubarak of Egypt and Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel which left the Egyptian leader confident that the peace process would go on. Nor can he be unaware of today's meeting in Amman between King Hussein and Mr Netanyahu. nor reports of a meeting between them here in the UK a week ago. He is right, however, to

denounce the language of hatred which characterises so many exchanges between the parties in what might properly be described as religious conflicts. I am happy to tell him, and to share with your readers, that the International Council of Christians and Jews has established and is fostering an "Abrahamic Forum" - Christians. Jews and Muslims - with the declared purpose of facilitating contacts, dialogue and cooperation on equal terms between Christians, Jews and Muslims who in terms of their respective scriptures and traditions all trace the origins of their faiths to Abraham and are committed to developing attitudes of mutual respect and acceptance of one another in full acknowledgement of their religious and other

This is no pie-in-the-sky project. The dialogue is taking place and is being pursued on all sides. Last month, at the annual consultation

of the International Council of Christians and Jews in Mainz Muslim delegates were present at the invitation of the ICCI's young leadership. Sir SIGMUND STERNBERG

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How to make a sporting nation

Sir: Having been a physical education teacher for 30 years I know that if we want a healthy, active, vibrant, successful sporting nation then physical education has to be given better status in schools. School governors view physical education as an optional extra. Headteachers consider it the "below stairs" alternative activity. Ofsted inspectors do not afford physical education the respect that a subject which reflects and promotes the active, positive attitude of a fit person with high self-esteem should merit.

Good fitness practice and breathing techniques are a national ioke, as is the hard, sometimes onerous physical work that has to accompany them. Childrens' fitness levels are at an all-time low in this country. With youngsters no longer playing outside, and probably only taking exercise if accompanied by caring, active parents, without dynamic input through physical education things will only get worse.

Every time there are international competitions and we are seen to be light years away from the professional standards and financial structuring of the rest of the world there are howls of disbelief. We still live in the days of the gentlemen and the players, and think we have a divine right to win. Sporting success does much for

the morale and self-esteem of the nation. It does not detract from academic standards. Well managed, it augments them. Let us put credibility into physical education in schools. Sandy, Bedfordshire

Quality of service

Sir. Nicholas Timmins reports (Significant Shorts, 1 August) the Government's Efficiency Unit's findings that the cost of Competing for Quality (CFQ) reviews of civil service functions with an annual value of under £250,000 (28 per cent of all reviews) outweighed any savings they may have generated. In total, just under half of all tendering exercises under the CFQ banner cost as much, if not more, than the Government alleges they

have saved. The clearest message to have come from this report is the damaging effect which market testing and contracting out have had on the civil service. Before the Competing for Quality initiative, 83 per cent of departments were happy with the quality of service provided. Today, the report finds that a third of them now believe that service has

deteriorated; 97 per cent of civil servants find the CFQ programme demotivating; and the cost associated with the programme, on expenses such as external consultants and contract

management, is over £90m per year. This report largely confirms the arguments of the Civil and Public Services Association that the Competing for Quality initiative has had little to do with improving the civil service and much to do with this government's ideological distaste for anything associated with the public sector. BARRY REAMSBOTTOM General Secretary, Civil and Public Services Association London SW1 I

Testing time

Sir. There's nothing new in the search for an examination which tests would-be higher education applicants across a range of useful non-specialist skills ("New examination ystem set to boost A-level pass rate". August). The Joint Matriculation Board offers an Advanced Level General Studies paper which examines literacy, numeracy, comprehension skills, essay-writing, and a modern language.

Most A-level entrants of reasonable competence passed this examination during the period 1975-1986 when I was working in schools. It could appropriately be made an essential requirement for the 18- year-old entrant to university. CHRISTINE HODGSON London E7

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Housing the

Sir: Town and Country Planners have worked themselves up into a stew about the latest round of household projections ("Towns to grow in green ficlds", 1 August). The core of the problem is the interpretation of the statistics.

The fact that there are 4.4 The fact that there are 4.4

tomorrow people

million extra households does not mean 4.4 million new homes need building. New house building will be only one of a range of policies needed to house the tomorrow people. Adaptations, conversions and renovation of the existing stock and re-utilising the hundreds of thousands of empty private-sector properties will be as important.

The real issue is not what the household projections show but the economic trends that indicate that the gap between rich and poor will widen leading to even greater residualisation in social housing and imbalanced communities. Tackling this will be the real challenge for the next century. MICHAEL WAGSTAFF Goudhurst, Kent

Sir: David Walker is absolutely right to call for a return to visionary planning for land, housing and transport ("Planning without sacred cows", 31 July). Planning is not just about preventing development.

If planning is to have more credibility it must be because those involved have the courage to offer a vision of the future which can command broad support. That vision must encompass and link together economic viability, social equity, sustainability and a view of development as a positive force which we can channel to bring new life, prosperity and vitality to our cities, towns and villages. Too often our knee-jerk reaction to new development is to see it as a problem rather than as an

opportunity.

Taking such a vision forward will then be a political issue - it will require the building of a consensus. At the moment not only do we lack the vision but there is little sign of the sort of political consensusbuilding necessary to achieve it. MICHAEL GWILLIAM Director Civic Trust London, SWI

Gannin to the Toon

Sir: Since the Tories destroyed a major justification for true Geordie pride - Newcastle-upon-Tyne's heavy engineering, mining and manufacturing base - it is grudgingly accepted that the rest of the world is now recognising that the region has other reasons to be

joyful (Leading article: "We're all gann to the Toon", 2 August). Grudgingly only because tourism adds little wealth in depth and one of the attractions of the area, the relative emptiness of the region, will soon be lost if there is a massive influx of visitors. At least proper Geordies will be able to console themselves by laughing at the attempts of headline writers, and others, to reproduce the dialect. 'We're all gann to the Toon" indeed! Have you never heard the anthem of the Geordies, the "Blaydon Races"? What you were searching for was "gannin", as in we're gannin alang the Scotswood

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US takes first prize for self-delusion

America thinks it's the greatest, even when the whole world can see its failures. Godfrey Hodgson takes the European view

There were times when ickening, even menacing about he rhythmic chanting, times ven when it made the hearer conder what it would have een like to have been in Berlin n 1936.

There was something ugly, oo, about the Atlanta crowd's insporting reactions. When bouth Africa's Wayne Ferreira, playing out of his socks, was eading André Agassi, the rowd regularly applauded his nistakes. It was a small thing, nut it left little doubt that to the nome crowd, the Olympic ideal vas meaningless. The point was not to take part or to comnete bravely, but to win; and nost important of all was for Americans to win.

Not too much in that, you night say. Indeed, to many Americans it would sound like sour grapes. If Britain had been doing as well as the United States seemed to be doing, who can doubt that British crowds would be baying for blood as they did in Euro 96; and all the more desperately anxious for victory because it had been so

What shocked many foreign visitors to Atlanta was the contrast between the shining office towers and the tacky commercialism of the streets underneath. The world has been so conditioned to believe that American society is super-efficient that visitors and contestants were genuinely surprised that buses ran late and the organisation so often broke down. The bomb, whoever turns out to have planted it, was a tragic accident that could have happened anywhere. But the contrast between the boasting of the organisers and the chaos they were presiding over did come as a surprise.

Another contrast is even more striking. Viewers of NBC's coverage would have got the impression that the Games were a triumph for American sports. But relatively speaking, the United States did not in fact do so very well in

An American contestant Olympics were like a domestic meet with a few foreigners. The reality is that the foreigners not only did better than before. They did better than States. the Americans.

You don't believe it? To be sure there were stunning American performances from Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson. But whether you count gold medals, or the overall taily of medals, the surprising fact is that the United States did significantly worse than Western



Dream Team: the US men's basketball players did win a gold, but overall America didn't do as well as it seemed to think

Europe, let alone than Europe

The United States, as of Saturday evening, had won 42 gold medals. The fifteen nations of the European Union had won 72 - to which Britain contributed just one. Western Europe, of whose existence, let alone of whose was quoted as saying the athletic prowess, the Americommentators seemed to be almost unaware. actually won 75 per cent more gold medals than the United

> If you count all medals, the discrepancy is even greater. The United States won 99 medals. The European Union, with a similar population, won 218. Europe as a whole (including Russia) won 413 medals more than four times as many as the United States. The comparison is interest-

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ing in itself. You might conclude from it, for example, that the massive public investment in athletics tracks, gyms, tennis courts, swimming pools and above all coaching in Western Europe (though not in Britain) has paid off, while the ultracommercialisation of sport in the US (and increasingly in Britain) has not steered resources in sufficient quantities to the young people who need them if they are to

You could so minded. You could say that in the days when massive funding was available to public high schools and to publicly funded universities like the University of California, the United States really did rule track and field. Now, in the era of big money pro sports and the winner-takeall-society, that supremacy has been eroded.

A second line of thought would focus on asking why, when such a dramatic reverse of the athletic relationship between Europe and the United States was taking place, it was almost wholly ignored by the British media. British newspapers and television reporting from Atlanta focused on British athletics failure and the tatty commercialism and organisational incompetence of the Games. No one pointed out the Americans were being told by their media that they were Numero Uno, they were actually worse than the despised

Europeans. Some commentators did point out that NBC's coverage averted its eyes from American defeat like a Victorian virgin averting her eyes from the facts of life. But most accepted at face value the proposition that the United States was once again triumphant as well as triumphalist when a simple check of the daily medal count would have shown this was not so. Indeed, for quite a long period France and Germany alone, with roughly half the popula-tion of the US, had actually won more gold medals between them than the United States.

The question is not why the United States is charrinist. Virtually all nations are chauvinist if their results in war, in the marketplace or on the sports-

field give them any excuse. The question is why American chau-

vinism has got so far out of touch with reality. An immediate cause is the political creed of Reaganism. A major part of the appeal of the new conservatism in the late 1970s and the 1980s was its reassurance that Americans could put the humiliations and the frustrations of the 1960s and the early 1970s behind

that the vast majority of their population is made up of university graduates, when the actual figure is 23 per cent and has scarcely moved up in 20

his handlers chose "It's morn-

Worse, quite a few American intellectuals acquired the habit of being contemptuously angry with anyone - American or foreign - who dared to raise questions about the superiority of the imperial wardrobe. Great reputations were made When Ronald Reagan and in the US media by those who jeered at any who questioned

their childhood to be told their country is the richest, the strongest, the most successful. their teeth the whitest and their cars the fastest, not to notice that in many respects the margin of that superiority has dwindled and even in some respects disappeared.

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That is not the worst of it. though. One of the movements that sprung up to challenge the assumptions of traditional American liberalism in the late 1960s and the 1970s was the neo-conservative movement, nd one of the shibboleths of neo-conservatism was what is called 'American exceptional-

This is not the view that the United States is bigger, stronger or richer than its rivals. It is the belief, deeply grounded in American history and in American religion, that the United States is morally superior to other nations.

With loving complacency, the exceptionalists roll on their tongues the sacred texts of complacency, evoking America, "a city built upon a hill"; the American, "this new man"; the United States, "the last best hope of mankind".

American exceptionalism is not new. It was carried to New England by its Puritan founders and carried across a continent by preachers and divines. It was so a belief that appealed to those who had left feudal, ethnic or economic exploitation in Ireland, Poland and Sicily, in

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It is not wholly unjustified. It really is the case that emigration to the United States was a liberating experience, the offer of new life. In some cases, let us not forget, this was literally true. American Jews are specially conscious of that. If their parents had not emigrated, said Irving Howe, the historian of the Lower East Side, "we might all have been bars of soap".

Having said that, it is not good for people or for nations if their picture of themselves diverges too acutely from reality, or from the perception of others. To convince yourself that you have won in an athletic contest which you actually lost is not a good idea.

It is even less of a good idea in foreign policy. The Cold War is over, but there are signs that Americans are casting round for new enemies to replace the communists, and that the American news media and American politicians are encouraging them to do so.

When the federal building in Oklahoma City was bombed, the initial reaction was to blame the Arabs. Well, it wasn't the Arabs; it was American superpatriots. Now President Clinton seems intent on picking a quarrel with Iran on the grounds that it is the sponsor of terror-ism. But the evidence is shaky, the consequences of punitive action against Iran dodgy to say the least, and the idea that all, or even most, terrorism comes from Iran absurd.

Trade policy is another example. The Clinton administration's spokesmen behaved as if the only reason the Japanese don't buy left-hand drive Chevrolets is because their government is opposed to free competition. Let's be more "aggressive", they said, like cheerleaders at a high school football game - and put most of the world's backs up. It may just be possible to per-

suade people in Britain of the innate moral superiority of American civilisation: since we speak English, we have been exposed to dangerously high levels of indoctrination. In any case we are going through cultural panic on a historic scale.

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American exceptionalism. though, is less likely to appeal to Frenchmen and Germans, Japanese and Russians; let alone Africans and Muslims, dangerous for Americans to persuade themselves that the world accepts their own view of themselves - particularly if that self-perception comes to diverge too far from the truth.

Preoccupied with flattering the American people in the run-up to re-election, Bill Clinton can be expected to chant U!-S!-A! Indeed, only yesterday he did just that, when he insisted that the United States was "indispensable". Viewing the world through the lenses of news media that have all but ceased to notice the existence of Europe and demonised Islam, the voters he is trying to woo cannot be blamed for thinking that the world saw the Atlanta Games as the apotheosis of American capitalism. What they really suggested to many for the first time was that maybe the United States talks a better game than it plays.

The point was not to take part or to compete bravely, but to win

ing in America!" as the slogan of his successful 1984 re-election campaign, they were calculating on a deep national yearning to forget urban disruption, racial conflict, declining competitiveness, ejection from Vietnam, the Panama canal and Iran. That slogan and that campaign were spectacu-larly successful. Americans desperately wanted to believe that a long national nightmare was

Unfortunately, they developed the habit in the Reagan years of wanting so badly to believe they were doing well that they stopped looking to see how well they actually were doing. Thus, for example, many Americans devoutly believe

American superemacy. Some of the Numero Uno

complex was grounded in unde-niable fact. The United States does have the world's biggest and most powerful single economy, just as it was the biggest single medal-winner in the Olympics. Americans individually are still just about the richest people in the world though the gap has shrunk dramatically over the past 30 years. But the impression of supe-

riority conferred by the sheer size of the single unit can sometimes lead American opinionformers to exaggerate the margin by which they lead the world. Nothing could be more natural than for ordinary Americans, accustomed from

Tales from beyond the Wellypad contents. I certainly desire the Smart-lamp, which turns itself on when it senses your pres-

These are my confessions; please try to understand and not to judge me too harshly.

Of course I know that I ought to tick the little boxes which would spare me the exciting "thlup" of cellophane on the hall mat. But I don't. and the catalogues and offers from eager mail-order companies arrive regularly to fascinate and tempt me. Innovations straps me to the cutting edge of electronic gadgetry, Oxfam will save whole Peruvian mountain cultures for the price of an alpaca throw-rag, Past Times would permit me to place a replica 50s Bakelite radio (with ultra-modern CD capacity) alongside my Isie of Lewis chessmen. There must be houses in the English Home Counties that resemble curio stalls inside.

Not mine, however. For most of my adult life I have browsed, but refused to buy. A flirtation in the early Eighties with a tooth-buffer (after one buff it seized up - due, I think, to the unfortunate presence of saliva in my mouth), and

My name is David and I am another with a contraption for getting painted-over screws. These are my confessions; out of walls, left me too well aware of the gap between the happy photos of an attractive model buffing pearly teeth, and the nasty, rubbery, stuttering reality. And then my mother - my

parsimonious, careful, why do-people-pay-money-to drink-water-out-of-bottles mother - succumbed in a big way. She started with bric-abrac for Christmas time: footwarmers from Nepal, candleholders from Guiarat. glow-stars for the kids' bedrooms. But the habit grew. Last year she bought a revolutionary new type of vacuum cleaner, with no dust-bags. Secretly I questioned her sanity and worried about the future - if her vacuum cleaner was anything like my toothbuffer we'd end up having to call in some industrial cleaning company, charged with removing embedded particles

possibly, mother) from walls and ceilings. I made the mistake of telling her of my fears. So when her

of dirt and furniture (and,



David Aaronovitch

vacuum won a string of major design awards and its inventor became lionised as the most brilliant designer/entrepreneur since Sir Clive Sinclair's early days, I was forced to eat my words. And - as a result - I began to look at the junk-mail with a new respect. Perhaps things had changed? So last month I had the cordless kettle. And the mini-turntable. As I opened the brown cardboard packaging it was as though I were a child again, and it was my birthday. Except, of course, that I'd bought all the presents

Anyway, this morning the latest catalogue arrived, and I spent the train journey to work lusting for, or puzzling over, its

ence. I like things which sense my presence and turn themselves on - such as CD players, televisions and young women. I am tempted (following installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors) by the hammer for breaking car windows and the rope ladders for the upstairs bedrooms. You cannot be too careful. The Wellypad, which scrapes the mud off your wellies, helps you take them off, and then parks them in sanitary isolation on a green mat could be a boon. Some items have no obvi-

ous purpose. I was slightly concerned by the machine that logs all calls, showing the originating number, whether or not the caller leaves a message on the answer-phone. What could this be for? A way of detecting muisance-callers who aren't actually a nuisance?

Then there are the unexpected combinations, such as "the only alarm clock with storm-warnings" and the pen that allows you to record "20 seconds of spoken notes' (about the time it takes to read the preceding paragraph out loud).

In a few years time I may need the Wonder Trimmer, for unwanted nose and ear hair. But I am still too nervous of such a gadget running amok when inserted into the relevant orifice. One wonders how many hapless purchasers are to be found in casualty departments, a nasty buzzing noise emerging from places where unwanted hair doth grow.

So I have plumped for the Chin Gym, which invites you to hang weights from your mouth, so strengthening a group of heretofore undiscovered muscles. And since it can be highly effective used with the complementary Facial Flex", a gob-inserted spring which "does for your face what workouts do for your body", I'll have that as well. The "roll-on for ageing tile grout" sounds handy too, for those days ahead when tile grout will doubtless afflict me. Even if it does look horribly like that rubbery tooth-buffer of yore.

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Howard to retain powers on life sentences

PATRICIAWYNN DAVIES Legal Affais Editor

The fixing of minimum terms for adult murderers serving mandator life sentences, and decisions in their release, must remain with the Home Secretary, the dovernment insisted yesterday

Michae Howard, the Home Secretary ejected calls by MPs to abolish his right to decide "tariffs" and whether to release prisiners on licence, say-ing his rife in dealing with

adult murderers marked the panels should decide on release. erations made when reaching unique nature of the crime and should remain.

The Government was responding to Commons Home Affairs Select Committee recommendations in June that while the mandatory life sentence should remain and that there should be no changes to the definition of murder, the final authority on the tariff - the proportion of sentence reflecting punishment and deterrence - should be the Court of Appeal, and Parole Board lifer

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iff and release, limit the consid-

The committee reached that view after David Ashby, Conservative MP for Leicestershire North West, voted with Labour

Mr Howard said yesterday that the Government "would not lightly disagree" with the committee's conclusions. But he insisted that the move would reduce public confidence in the criminal justice system, prevent direct accountability to

those decisions, and signal that murder was no longer viewed as a uniquely heinous crime.

He added: "I have made it clear, like my predecessors, that those responsible for the worst sort of murder, including terrorists, the murders of police and prison officers, sexual and sadistic murderers of children and those who use firearms in the course of robbery, will normally serve at least 20 years in

"Many will serve longer than the circumstances of the crime.

that and some will never be re-

The response comes in the wake of the Court of Appeal's ruling that Mr Howard wrongly exercised his discretion to increase the tariff to be served by the child murderers of the toddler James Bulger, and persistent calls from rights organisations and the judiciary for murder to be punishable by the discretionary life sentence, which would give courts more freedom to tailor sentences to

Following a European Court of Human Rights ruling in 1990, the Home Secretary has already lost his powers to decide on the release of discretionary life prisoners - those jailed for serious offences other than murder, such as manslaughter or rape - once they are assessed as being no further risk to society. But Mr Howard is determined to resist any further erosion of his powers. Nor is it

likely, moreover, that a Labour

rnment would make radi-

gove

Under the current system, the Home Secretary can alter tariffs recommended by trial judges and the Lord Chief Justice. Likewise, he can reject parole board recommendations for the release of mandatory lifers in some cases; the Law Lords have ruled that "broader considerations of a public character" can be taken into account at that stage.

Yesterday's response said: "The Home Secretary is himself cal changes to the overall in a unique position. No other

dependent, can be held directly accountable to Parliament for the safety of the public, and for the effectiveness of, and public accountability in, the criminal iustice system."

The Government has also rejected the committee's suggestions that victims relatives be given the right to nominate a legal representative to attend life panel hearings and for the tariff recommended by the trial judge to be publicly declared in

Beak's best known eyesore leaves a mark of success

In the second part of our series on national parks, Stephen Goodwin reports on an unwelcome presence

Tanks of the clifftops of Pembrokestire, soldiers shooting their was across Dartmoor, big guns and rockets pounding the moors of Northumberland. Successive public inquiries have curcluded that military training is "discordant, incongruens and inconsistent with Najonal Park purposes And se same could be said

of quarring. Whole mountain sides are being removed in the Your shipe Likes and the Peak Districtto provide aggregate for road

But there are fears that both the military use and quarrying seem to be increas-ingly tolgrated. against quarrying bids. The quarry-

From Pushup Edge in the Peak, the 300ft Even when the tiered diff of red flags are not pressing for ex-Eldon Hill flying, the words tensions in the Quarry domi- flying, the words North York nates 'Danger Area' souther skyline. Hicing into the lighest are a deterrent limesto**ie** in

the park it is acknowledged as "the best known wesore in the Peak". but in one sense it is a success

Edon Hill will close in 19 D Apartication by North West Agregates, a subsidiary of RMCRoadstone, to extend the working life of the quarry to 2004 was refused last September. The company said it wanted time to complete a restoration schei - it just happened that it would take out another 5 million tonies of stone along the way. But the Peak District authorit was able to say no, partly lecause the closure date had been fixed after pub-

lic inquity in 1987. This year, when Tilcon proposed extending and deepening Swinden Quarry in Wharfedale, in the Yorkshire Dales, the company got the goahead on the casting vote of the park chairman.

Swinden is already the busiest quarry in the Dales and the plan is to extract 2 million tonnes of stone a year until the

year 2020. That sent a signal to the industry that the Secretary of State isn't going to worry," says Amanda Nobbs, director of the Council for National Parks. Pleading poverty, the Countryside Commission has dropped out of the fight

> seized the mo-Northumber-Nor is the renewed activity confined to

limestone. Concern over the loss of jobs has persuaded park authorities to approve more slate quarrying in Snow-donia and the Lake District.

Only five quarries produce the distinctive green Lakeland slate, but the rates and methods of extraction are anything but traditional.

Petts Quarry, above Ambleside, employs about 50 peodie. Slate is to be quarried from another two acres of hillside. Ninety per cent of the rock will be waste and the scars will be visible from the shores of Windermere.

Dartmoor has double trouble. Waste from china clay workings may soon be dumped on Shaugh Moor, in the southwest of the park. And the



- the Peak's best known eyesore - which will cease working next year after an extension application was refused Photograph: Tom Pilston Disfiguring scar: Eldon Hill quarry

across a third of Dartmoor. Even when red flags are not flying, the words "Danger Area" on the Ordnance Survey map deter the nervous.

The Prince of Wales's green credentials twere dented four years ago when the Duchy of Cornwall renewed the Army's licence to carry on firing artillery and mortars on 20,000

acres of its estate. "We were appalled when the Duchy signed away all this land for another 21 years," said Kate Ashbrook. president of the Dartmoor Preservation Association. "It

was an opportunity for the Prince to do something for Dartmoor. He could have said Three more years to make new

out'." Instead, for most of the the parks.

year, it is the public who are "out". Despite repeated criti-cism by official inquiries, the military has not noticeably arrangements and then you're scaled back its manoeuvres in

Indeed, the opposite may happen: the Government has said the withdrawal of forces from Germany may involve "more intensive use" of existing training areas.



Northumberland fights Army over increase in shoot and scoot

Of all the conflicts in the national parks, none compares in scale or bitterness to the battle over the Army's plan to upgrade its Otterburn training area in Northumberland to accommodate the 45-tonne AS90 self-propelled gun and the multi-launch rocket system, writes Stephen Goodwin.

The training area covers almost a quarter of the national park. It is rolling moorland: 8,000 acres of coarse grasses, heather and craggy outcrops stretching north to the Cheviots, home to the curlew and rarer species such as goshawk and black grouse which have prospered under

targets are dwarfed by the natural grandeur. "In Northumberland alone, both heaven and earth are seen," wrote the historian George Trevelyan. But live-firing means that for some 300 days a year the public are barred from even the rights of way over an unsur-

passed slice of the county. The Army moved into Otterburn in 1911. It provides 120 civilian jobs, spends £3.5m a vear in local contracts, and helps keep alive the village shop and inn. It wants to upgrade the training area so that the artillery can hone its "shoot and scoot" tactics without sinking into the peaty moorland.

The national park accepts the presence of the military and the need to adapt for modern warfare. It was ready to say 'Yes" to the wider roads, extensive maintenance facilities, and observation points but has balked at six of the proposed 46 gun spurs - the hard-surfaced areas from where the

guns are fired. "Our objections are based on the environmental impact." said a park spokesperson. "It's visual, it's noise, it's the incongruity of some of the activities. We have moved an enormous distance. But the Army have not moved one inch on the scale of the development." The Army points to 53 "mit-

sures", such as no live firing on August weekends and safeguards for ancient monuments, but remains adamant that the ability of AS90 and rocketlauncher crews to practise deployment procedures over 46 gun spurs cannot be

As Northumberland County Council have refused planning permission, the matter is in the hands of Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer. The Army has assembled a legal team in expectation of a public inquiry and is talking of costs of £2.5m – twice the annual budget of the national park.

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FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**

Oxford University's plans to use a £20m donation from a Saudi entrepreneur to help build a new management school on its sports ground could be blocked by planning regulations, it

emerged last night. The chair of the city council's planning committee has said that the land set aside for the new building was marked out for recreational purposes. Several more suitable sites had been rejected by the university, and the proposal was likely to face opposition from members

of the committee, she said. The donation from Wafic Said, best known for his role in facilitating the Al-Yamamah arms deal, will be matched by a similar sum raised by the

due to open in 1998, intends to though Mr Said is not an arms compete with the best in the world and will take 500 students, including 150 on MBA courses Mr Said is believed to be keen that it should be at the heart of both the city and the university.

With few green-field sites available in the centre of Oxford, the sports ground near Mansfield College was chosen as the most practical option. However, with protests on environmental and ethical grounds mounting among both staff and students, the university faces a tough battle to push its plans through.

Environmentalists have objected that the chosen site is an important "green lung" for Oxford, while some academics say management studies is not what the university does best. Others have suggested that it should not take money from a man who is The Said Business School, involved in arms deals, even

dealer himself and did not receive

a commission for Al-Yamamah, The proposal will be put before the university's congregation or "parliament" in November, and if it is approved planning permission will be

Last night Stef Spencer, planning chair for the Labour-controlled council, said the draft local plan showed the sports ground as recreational ground. The university had presented its plans as a fait accompli, she

"The application will be treated on its merits, but I am surprised that all the sites within that environment weren't considered even though on balance some of them were much more suitable," she said.

A spokeswoman for the university said it intended to stick to its planned schedule.

Planning rules could bar | Warning for BBC over Oxford business school | World Service changes

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

BBC appointments to the World Service by John Birt, the Director General of the BBC, could be reversed under a guarantee given to the Government

to head off criticism of changes to the way it is operated. The Foreign Office minister, Jeremy Hanley, said guarantees had been made that there would be no irrevocable changes made to the staffing of the World Service before a working party has reported on

Mr Birt's plans for an integrated newsroom for the BBC. We've got no say in the management of the BBC but we do have a say in the quality and to make sure that special nature is maintained. What the working group will have to look at is decide whether the integrated newsroom will cater for the

different needs of the World Service." Mr Hanley said on BBC radio.

"We have been given a guarantee that nothing that happens in the meantime will be irrevocable. If the BBC chooses to make management changes or certain appointments in that timescale, there is the understanding they can be reversed if the quality and the ethos of the World Service was proved to be at risk by those changes."

He added: "There also has to be financial transparency because we provide £175m a year and we don't want that money to filter through to the main-stream BBC ... There has to be the proper priority which serves

our audience and not just serves the convenience of the BBC." Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, protested at the failure to give less than 24 hours warning to the Government

about the changes to the World Service which is funded on the Foreign Office budget. The joint Foreign Office-BBC working group will report to the Foreign ecretary and Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC, by

the end of September. Mr Hanley denied that Mr Rifkind would block any changes in October when he meets Sir Christopher, but it is clear that ministers will use the leverage of their funding for the World Service to limit the changes, which have deeply an-

noyed senior Tory backbenchers. Sir Christopher agreed to set up the working party under pressure from the Foreign Secretary to review the decision. It will be chaired by Christopher Battiscombe, a civil servant, and Sam Younger, World Service managing director. Yesterday it heard evidence from campaigners op-

posed to the changes.

US takes first prize for self-delusion

America thinks it's the greatest, even when the whole world can see its failures. Godfrey Hodgson takes the European view

There were times when there was ickening, even menacing about he rhythmic chanting, times ven when it made the hearer vonder what it would have een like to have been in Berlin a 1936.

There was something ugly, oo, about the Atlanta crowd's insporting reactions. When iouth Africa's Wayne Ferreira, playing out of his socks, was eading André Agassi, the rowd regularly applauded his nistakes. It was a small thing, aut it left little doubt that to the nome crowd, the Olympic ideal was meaningless. The point was not to take part or to comsete bravely, but to win; and nost important of all was for Americans to win.
Not too much in that, you

night say. Indeed, to many Americans it would sound like our grapes. If Britain had been doing as well as the United States seemed to be doing, who can doubt that British crowds would be baying for blood as they did in Euro 96; and all the more desperately auxious for victory because it had been so

What shocked many foreign visitors to Atlanta was the contrast between the shining office towers and the tacky commercialism of the streets underneath. The world has been so conditioned to believe that American society is super-efficient that visitors and contestants were genuinely surprised that buses ran late and the organisation so often broke down. The bomb, whoever turns out to have planted it, was a tragic accident that could have happened anywhere. But the contrast between the boasting of the organisers and the chaos they were presiding over did come as a surprise.

Another contrast is even more striking. Viewers of NBC's coverage would have got the impression that the Games were a triumph for American sports. But relatively speaking, the United States did not in fact do so very well in

An American contestant was quoted as saying the Olympics were like a domestic meet with a few foreigners. The reality is that the foreigners not only did better than before. They did better than the Americans.

You don't believe it? To be sure there were sturning Amer ican performances from Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson. But whether you count gold medals, or the overall tally of medals, the surprising fact is that the United States did sig- as the United States. nificantly worse than Western



Dream Team: the US men's basketball players did win a gold, but overall America didn't do as well as it seemed to think

Europe, let alone than Europe as a whole.

The United States, as of Britain contributed just one. Western Europe, of whose existence, let alone of whose athletic prowess, the Americommentators seemed to be almost unaware. actually won 75 per cent more gold medals than the United States.

If you count all medals, the discrepancy is even greater. The United States won 99 medals. The European Union, with a similar population, won 218. Europe as a whole (including Russia) won 413 medals more than four times as many

The comparison is interest-

ing in itself. You might conclude from it, for example, that The United States, as of Saturday evening, had won 42 gold medals. The fifteen nations of the European states had won 72 - to which states as of the European above all coaching in Western Europe (though not in Britain) the massive public investment has paid off, while the ultracommercialisation of sport in the US (and increasingly in Britain) has not steered resources in sufficient quantities to the young people who

> become champions. You could pursue that thought further still, if you were so minded. You could say that in the days when massive fund ing was available to public high schools and to publicly funded universities like the University of California, the United States really did rule track and field. Now, in the era of big money pro sports and the winner-take-

need them if they are to

all-society, that supremacy has been eroded.

A second line of thought would focus on asking why, when such a dramatic reversal of the athletic relationship between Europe and the United States was taking place, it was almost wholly ignored by the British media. British newspapers and television reporting from Atlanta focused on British athletics failure and the tatty commercialism and organisa tional incompetence of the Games. No one pointed out the interesting fact that, while Americans were being told by their media that thev were Numero Uno, they were actually worse than the despised

Europeans. Some commentators did point out that NBC's coverage averted its eyes from American defeat like a Victorian virgin averting her eyes from the facts of life. But most accepted at face value the proposition that the United States was once again triumphant as well as triumphalist when a simple check of the daily medal count would Indeed, for quite a long period France and Germany alone, with roughly half the popula-tion of the US, had actually won more gold medals between them than the United States. The question is not why the United States is chauvinist. Vir-

field give them any excuse. The uestion is why American chauvinism has got so far out of touch with reality.

An immediate cause is the political creed of Reaganism. A major part of the appeal of the new conservatism in the late 1970s and the 1980s was its reassurance that Americans could put the humiliations and the frustrations of the 1960s and the early 1970s behind

population is made up of university graduates, when the actual figure is 23 per cent and has scarcely moved up in 20

that the vast majority of their their childhood to be told their their teeth the whitest and their cars the fastest, not to notice that in many respects the mar-

Worse, quite a few American intellectuals acquired the habit of being contemptuously angry with anyone - American or foreign - who dared to raise questions about the superiority of the imperial wardrobe. reat reputations were made When Ronald Reagan and in the US media by those who his handlers chose "It's morn-jeered at any who questioned in the US media by those who

The point was not to take part or

to compete bravely, but to win

ing in Americal" as the slogan of his successful 1984 re-election campaign, they were calculating on a deep national yearning to forget urban disruption, racial conflict, declining competitiveness, ejection from Vietnam, the Panama canal and Iran. That slogan and that campaign were spectacu-larly successful. Americans desperately wanted to believe that a long national nightmare was

Unfortunately, they developed the habit in the Reagan years of wanting so badly to believe they were doing well tually all nations are chauvinist if their results in war, in the marketplace or on the sports-

American superemacy.
Some of the Numero Uno complex was grounded in unde-niable fact. The United States does have the world's biggest and most powerful single econ-

omy, just as it was the biggest single medal-winner in the Olympics. Americans individually are still just about the richest people in the world though the gap has shrunk dramatically over the past 30 years.

But the impression of superiority conferred by the sheer size of the single unit can sometimes lead American opinionformers to exaggerate the mar-gin by which they lead the world. Nothing could be more natural than for ordinary

Photograph: Aubrey Washington/Empics country is the richest, the strongest, the most successful.

> gin of that superiority has dwindled and even in some respects disappeared. That is not the worst of it, though. One of the movements that sprung up to challenge the assumptions of traditional American liberalism in the late 1960s and the 1970s was the

neo-conservative movement.

and one of the shibboleths of

neo-conservatism was what is

This is not the view that the United States is bigger, stronger or richer than its rivals. It is the belief, deeply grounded in American history and in American religion, that the United States is morally supe-

rior to other nations. With loving complacency, the exceptionalists roll on their tongues the sacred texts of complacency, evoking America, "a city built upon a hill"; the American, "this new man"; the United States, "the last best

hope of mankind". American exceptionalism is not new. It was carried to New England by its Puritan founders and carried across a continent by preachers and divines. It was also a belief that appealed to

the Ukraine, Lancashire factories and the downstairs of Lon-

It is not wholly unjustified. It really is the case that emigration to the United States was a liberating experience, the offer of new life. In some cases, let us not forget, this was literally true. American Jews are specially conscious of that. If their parents had not emigrated, said living Howe, the historian of the Lower East Side, "we might all have been bars of soap".

Having said that, it is not good for people or for nations if their picture of themselves diverges too acutely from reality, or from the perception of others. To convince vourself that you have won in an athletic contest which you actually lost is not a good idea.

It is even less of a good idea in foreign policy. The Cold War is over, but there are signs that Americans are casting round for new enemies to replace the communists, and that the American news media and American politicians are

encouraging them to do so. When the federal building in Oklahoma City was bombed, the initial reaction was to blame the Arabs. Well, it wasn't the Arabs; it was American superpatriots. Now President Clinton seems intent on picking a quarrel with Iran on the grounds that it is the sponsor of terrorism. But the evidence is shaky, the consequences of punitive action against Iran dodgy to say the least, and the idea that all or even most, terrorism comes from Iran absurd.

Trade policy is another example. The Clinton administration's spokesmen behaved as if the only reason the Japanese don't buy left-hand drive Chevrolets is because their government is opposed to free competition. Let's be more "aggressive", they said, like cheerleaders at a high school football game - and put most of the world's backs up.

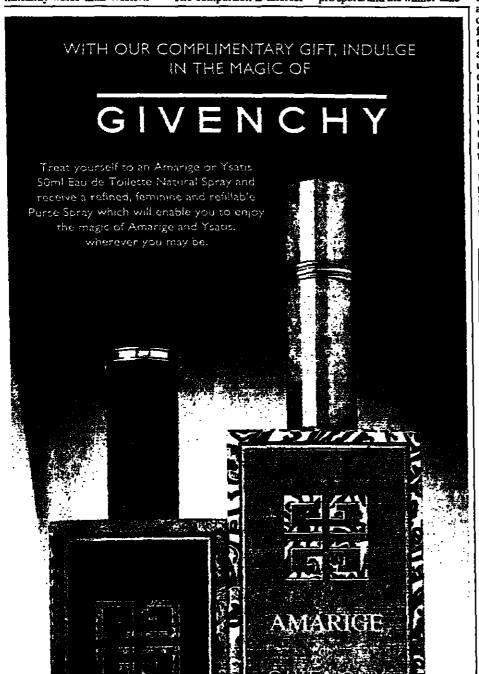
It may just be possible to per-

suade people in Britain of the innate moral superiority of American civilisation: since we speak English, we have been exposed to dangerously high levels of indoctrination. In any case we are going through cultural panic on a historic scale.

American exceptionalism though, is less likely to appeal to Frenchmen and Germans. Japanese and Russians; let alone Africans and Muslims. Chinese and Japanese. It is dangerous for Americans to world accepts their own view of themselves - particularly if that self-perception comes to diverge too far from the truth.

Preoccupied with flattering the American people in the run-up to re-election, Bill Clinton can be expected to chant U!-S!-Al Indeed, only yesterday he did just that when he insisted that the United States was "indispensable". Viewing the world through the leases of news media that have all but ceased to notice the existence of Europe and demonised Islam, the voters he is trying to woo cannot be blamed for thinking that the world saw the Atlanta Games as the apotheosis of American capitalism. What that they stopped looking to see
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Tales from beyond the Wellypad

My name is David and I am a junk-mail junkie. These are my confessions; please try to understand and not to judge me too harshly.

ought to tick the little boxes which would spare me the exciting "thlup" of cellophane on the hall mat. But I don't, and the catalogues and offers from eager mail-order companies arrive regularly to fas-cinate and tempt me. Innovations straps me to the cutting edge of electronic gadgetry, Oxfam will save whole Peruvian mountain cultures for the price of an alpaca throw-rug, Past Times would permit me to place a replica 50s Bakelite radio (with ultra-modern CD capacity) alongside my Isle of Lewis chessmen. There must be houses in the English Home Counties that resemble

curio stalls inside. Not mine, however. For most of my adult life I have browsed, but refused to buy. A flirtation in the early Eighties with a tooth-buffer (after one buff it seized up - due, I think, to the unfortunate presence of

another with a contraption for getting painted-over screws out of walls, left me too well aware of the gap between the happy photos of an attractive model buffing pearly teeth, and the nasty, rubbery, stut-

And then my mother - my parsimonious, careful, why do-people-pay-money-to drink-water-out-of-bottles

mother - succumbed in a big way. She started with bric-abrac for Christmas time: footwarmers from Nepal, candicholders from Gujarat, glow-stars for the kids' bedrooms. But the habit grew. Last year she bought a revolutionary new type of vacuum cleaner, with no dust-bags. Secretly I questioned her sanity and worried about the future - if her vacuum cleaner was anything like my tooth-buffer we'd end up having to call in some industrial cleaning company, charged with removing embedded particles of dirt and furniture (and, possibly, mother) from walls

I made the mistake of telling her of my fears. So when her

and ceilings.



David Aaronovitch

vacuum won a string of major design awards and its inventor became lionised as the most brilliant designer/entrepreneur since Sir Clive Sinclair's early days, I was forced to eat my words. And - as a result - I began to look at the junk-mail with a new respect. Perhaps things had changed? So last month I had the cordless kettie. And the mini-turntable. As I opened the brown cardboard packaging it was as though I were a child again, and it was my birthday. Except, of course, that I'd bought all the presents Anyway, this morning the

latest catalogue arrived, and I

on when it senses your pres-ence. I like things which sense my presence and turn themselves on - such as CD players, televisions and young women. I am tempted (following installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors) by the hammer for breaking car windows and the rope ladders for the upstairs bedrooms. You cannot be too careful. The Wellypad, which scrapes the mud off your wellies, helps you take them off, and then parks them in

contents. I certainly desire the

Smart-lamp, which turns itself

Some items have no obvious purpose. I was slightly concerned by the machine that logs all calls, showing the originating number, whether or not the caller leaves a message on the answer-phone. What could this be for? A way of detecting nuisance-callers who aren't actually a nuisance?

sanitary isolation on a green

mat could be a boon.

Then there are the unexpected combinations, such as the only alarm clock with spent the train journey to work lusting for, or puzzling over, its that allows you to record "20

seconds of spoken notes" (about the time it takes to read the preceding paragraph out

In a few years time I may need the Wonder Trimmer, for unwanted nose and ear hair. But I am still too nervous of such a gadget running amok when inserted into the relevant orifice. One wonders how many hapless purchasers are to be found in casualty departments, a nasty buzzing noise emerging from places where unwanted hair doth grow. So I have plumped for the

Chin Gym, which invites you to hang weights from your mouth, so strengthening a group of heretofore undiscovered muscles. And since it "can be highly effective used with the complementary Facial Flex", a gob-inserted spring which "does for your face what workouts do for your body", I'll have that as well. The "roll-on for ageing tile grout" sounds handy too, for those days ahead when tile grout will doubtless afflict me. Even if it does look horribly like that rubbery tooth-buffer

the commentators

Let's teach our children a different tune

A-levels are getting too easy, says a well-worn refrain. But today's exams are up to scratch, argues Fran Abrams

where. Summertime, and the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. The provide a control of the crams are getting easier. vaguely familiar, though: I'm sure it has been done before.

In fact, the refrain is now playing in a right-wing newspaper near you, and it is heginning to sound a bit tired. After all, it has had a regular August slot ever since Alevels were introduced in 1951; and even before that, the tune was not much different. In 1876, the chief inspector of schools could be heard complaining that "accuracy in the manipulation of figures does not reach the same standard which was reached 20 years ago"

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Most recently, there has been disquiet out the fact that the A-level pass rate has gone up by 10 per cent in five years, to 84 per cent. Now, this year, there is a new dimension to the debate: modular A-levels. Most readers will probably not have heard of these, because until now they have not of these, because until now they have not been considered interesting enough to merit expenditure on newsprint. This week,

that allow students to sit a number of interim tests, rather than having all their marks based on a final exam. If students fail a test, they can retake it without having to repeat a year, and if they want to take time Out, they can bank their credits and finish

the course later. Sounds good? It is, according to the exam boards. Their view is that students will be less likely to fail modular courses. They will be more highly motivated, and they can re-sit if they take a test on an "off" day. The pass rate will also benefit from pupils who, having failed several modules, realise that there is not point in completing the course

fewer failures, higher pass rates.
The traditionalists, however, object strongly. They say that a higher pass rate is evidence of lower standards, and that allowing students to take their A-levels in bite-sized

chunks is giving them an unfair advantage.
They do have a point. No one wants a syshowever, the exam boards predicted that the modular exams would raise pass rates

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tem in which a weak student can achieve good grades without reaching the same standard as another student taking traditional exams.

may be limited, and the time limit for finishing the course could be tightened.

But there is a bigger issue here. Listen for long enough to the plaintive cries of the 'standards-aren't-what-they-used-to-be' lobby and an insidious, subliminal message begins to come through: "If more people are passing, there's something wrong," it hisses. "Why can't we go back to the good old days of the 1950s, when only 3 per cent of the population did A-levels and even fewer went to university?" We don't just want to know that students have mastered a certain body of knowledge; we want to know if they are clever enough to sustain their attention for two years and recall it

But there are very good reasons for not going back to the past. One is that we need a more highly educated workforce than we used to – there are no longer jobs for huge numbers of people without skills or qualifications. The other is that the old system failed to tap the natural talents of the vast majority of the population. It was desperately

wasteful, not to mention downright unfair. We have come a long way since then. Universities have expanded and can now take almost a third of young people. If we want to fill all those extra places, we cannot continue with the old, exclusive system. A strong 21st-century economy will be one in which the highest possible number of people are encouraged to strive for their full potential.

But instead of trying to measure, and stimulate, the success of our students, we are still setting many of them up to fail. Despite all the hand-wringing over rising pass rates, 13 out of 14 students are still taking conventional A-levels. Out of every 100, 15 drop out and a further 17 drop out and a further 17 do not pass the final exams. If we do not want to lower the hurdles, we must find better ways of get-

ting people over them.

And that is where modular A-levels come in. These new courses were taken by 50,000 students of maths, English and science this year and are set to grow rapidly, If they do raise pass rates, the reaction should be a rousing cheer, not a weary

Who cares whether a student has passed an exam on Shakespeare's Henry V in the first term of the sixth form or in the sixth term, so long as he has passed it fair and square? What does it matter if he has learnt the complexities of scientific investigation through a series of modules rather than through an almost identical series of lessons on the same topics, examined at the end of the course? One might even ask, in a moment of heresy, whether society would really fall apart if passing exams did get a bit easier, so long as more people were able to go on and learn things that they would

not have learnt otherwise. Some lessons take a long time to learn. of course, and some people, particularly those who are old, traditionalist and set in their ways, take longer to learn them than others. So the chances are that the old vinyl recording will be crackling away on these pages and others like them for years to

Maybe the best advice to students worried about the devaluation of their exam results is this: just relax and wait for the fuss to die down. After all, it's only an old song.

To imagine is to understand

Aborting a twin tests the limits of our morality, says Paul Vallely

there is something about the notion of performing an abortion on one of two twins in the womb that is peculiarly potent. It is popularly supposed that the nation is fundamentally polarised over abortion, and it is true that fierce views are held by activists in both the pro and anti-abortion lobbies. Yet the vast majority of people are far from categoric on the issue; their arguments are about degree and proportionality and are often tinged with an ill-defined sense of discomfort.

So what is it that gives this latest case such stinging singularity? In practice our society believes that the moral importance of a foetus grows with its size. Hence the unending debate about exactly when the cluster of cells turns into a person. Hence the more recent concern at what age a foetus begins to feel pain. Hence our complex rules on the treatment of frozen embryos, which give them a status less than that of a person but more than that of a

piece of human tissue.
Anti-abortionists dismiss all this as intellectually dishonest. Just because an embryo is small and not visually familiar we choose to dismiss it in a way in which we would not dream of ignoring the reality of a germ or bacteria.

Conversely pro-abortionists might ask why the religious absolutism that fuels many of their opponents ignores the richness of much of their own the-ological inheritance. St Augustine insisted that the soul did not enter the foetus until the 46th day, and St Thomas Aquinas, following Aristotle, argued such "ensoulment" occurred at 40 days for the male and 90 for the female.

What the case of the single twin abortion shows is that such moral reasoning is not the entire basis on which our attitudes are formed. There is a something akin to an aesthetic dimension to our unease. That is why infanticide is illegal and abortion is not. It is why, if the house is on fire, we save the baby in its cot before the frozen embryo. But this sense goes beyond what is visually familiar. Our moral imagination - the ability to conjure what lies beyond our direct experience

- comes into play. This is why the plan to about one of possibility of the psychological scars the experience may leave on the survivor is disturbing. But the utter arbitrariness of choosing one to live and the other to die hits home at this aesthetic disequilibrium, as much as at moral disquiet

In seeing one of her developing babies as a child to be embraced and the other as comparatively disposable. this unhappy woman is doing more than wrestling with a personal dilemma. She is embodying the moral and aesthetic ambivalence of our whole society.

Go early, go negative

The Tories began it, Labour will respond. This will be a dirty election



DONALD MACINTYRE

f the Tories are yet to confound the dire predictions of defeat by polisters and media chatterers, and, privately, by quite a few politicians in their own ranks, then this summer will be seen as a turning point. First, because this may turn out to have been the moment when the Conservatives showed the first faint, flickering signs of a politicallecovery. And, second, because Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative launching a negative campaign against prospects and their desire to vote Con-Labour some four months earlier servative. This time that correlation than the party had originally planned, though not all - of his most senior outside advisers. If the Tories fail to win a fifth term, that decision will become, in the inevitable orgy of recrimination, just another excuse for the failure whether it made any difference or not. But if they win, Dr Mawhinney will be carried shoulder-high in triumph through Smith Square for what will be seen as almost supernatural foresight.

First the "recovery" - if that's what it is. Every hopeful sign for the Tories has to be prefaced by the proviso, boring to repeat, that the Tories are still in their longest, deepest political trough ever. The last public opinion poil, MORI for the Times last week, showed the Tories holding only half of the four-point improvement they made in June - almost certainly in part because England was doing well in Euro 96 when the fieldwork was done. And it left the Conservatives at 29 per cent and Labour at 53. Yesterday's superficially cheering survey, for James Capel, of 1,000 electors who voted Tory in 1992, was treated cautiously, even by Tory strategists. True, it shows 79 per cent of those who have made a clear decision would vote Tory again - a larger proportion than

at any time since April 1995. But even the James Capel figures point to a daunting 20 per cent or, if replicated nationally, some 2.8 million, who haven't "come home." If this is a recovery, it is painfully slow.

That doesn't mean that the omens are uniformly catastrophic for the Tories. Every Conservative expert, from Manrice Saatchi down, knows that one of the most worrying deficits for the Tories in this Parliament has been the failure of growing economic optimism to translate into political support for the Government. All the polling data suggests that it is a myth, though a persistent one, that electors are naturally more inclined to vote Labour when the economy is booming because they feel they can afford to do so. On the contrary, before each of the last three elections there was a close correlation between electors Party chairman, took a gamble by feeling better about their economic servative. This time that correlation has been missing - almost certainly its capacity to manage the economy the Government suffered in the late summer and antumn of 1992, culmi nating in the humiliation of Black Wednesday. So it may be significant that for the first time since then, last week's MORI poll shows the Tories regaining their traditional, pre-1992 position ahead of Labour in the ratings on management of the economy. Secondly, Labour strategists admit that there has been a firming up of Tory support among 1992 Conservative voters who have flirted with not voting for another party but were according to those same Labour strategists - never really likely to do so in a general election. As a direct result of this shift, the Tories are planning a new "I'm coming home" campaign in the regions. On his tours of the country, Tony Blair will continue to parade groups of disenchanted ex-Tories saying they will vote Labour. Now we can expect to see the Tories playing him at his own game, and showing off voters who were disaffected but have returned to the fold.

Thirdly, Michael Howard may be a

mega-flop with the liberal intelli-

gentsia, but he has wrested back the

Handy.

Tories' lead on law and order for the first time since May 1994.

These factors haven't yet significantly dented Labour's overall lead, but Tory election planners insist that they are the "building blocks" for doing so. It is too early to say whether Mawhinney's decision to unveil the "New Labour, New Danger" slogan has been a help. The Tories were always going to go negative, but the original plan had been to wait until September. Mawhinney overturned that for two reasons: first, to concentrate the minds of his internally warring party on the common enemy for nge; and second, because of a belief that Blair was being allowed to drive home his message that Labour was not a tax-and-spend party without facing any conspicuous challenge. The result was M and C Saatchi's bloodcurdling party political broadcast insisting that Labour would put taxes up and, in an unmistakeable lift from the US Republicans' notorious 1988 anti-Dukakis commercial, shamelessly implying that Labour would open the

jails to let violent criminals out. At in it. But they also decided that whatast one ministerial adviser has complained that the broadcast gave his nine-year-old nephew nightmares. More to the point, the move prompted Peter Mandelson and his fellow Labour election-planners to raise an extra £500,000 and bring forward their own - and equally formidable -counter-campaign on the theme: "Same Old Tories, Same Old Lies."

It was some time before Mandelson was convinced that it was worth it; in campaigning lore you should try not to lend credibility to your opponents' campaign by explicitly attacking it. But the imperative of "rebuttal" won out. If the Tories have learnt from the Bush 1988 campaign - and some of the Republican failures of 1992 - then rebuttal is the lesson that Labour has learnt from the Clinton campaign. Gordon Brown and Mandelson - who held a special showing for his staff last week of War Room, a documentary on the Clinton campaign - held a press conference straight after the broadcast to challenge each of the claims made

ever the deficiencies of the Tory campaign, it was worth launching last week a full-scale "counter-negative" campaign which, like "New Labour, New Danger," will run off and on until the election.

In the dream scenario for the Tories. union strife and frayed unity in the Labour Party will narrow a poll lead which everyone anyway believes is wider than the actual margin between the two parties.

The Tories also have one strength which is that at front-bench level they are, for all their deep ideological differences, better at sticking to agreed campaign themes. Some senior Labour front-benchers continue to exasperate Blair's lieutenants by going "off message," as the campaign jargon has it. It cannot be repeated too often that the Tories would have to defy history to close the current gap. But when Tony Blair repeatedly warns his party against complacency, it is more than ritual. He knows that the fat lady has prove to be a masterstroke from Brian Mawhinney

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Helpful Advice From Dr Vernon Coleman If you suffer from Irritable Bowel Syndrome you will know

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THE CENTRAL FACTS FROM THE COURSES YOU ALWAYS MEANT TO TAKE, IN 25 LECTURES

mpty space looks empty, but in extreme close-up it is writhing with immensely small fluctuations. Let one of those get caught, and pressure builds up. And builds up. And builds up some more. And then our universe starts exploding out.

It doesn't look like much of a universe at first. It is ridiculously small - able to float, if anywise could measure it, inside a thimble without touching the sides. There is no solid matter, no miniature little galaxies or stars or palm trees waiting to be pumped up and sent out. Instead there are only dense storms of energy. occasionally coalescing into solid particles, but quickly being knocked apart as more energy crashes past.

Because our universe was moving so fast when it came into being, it quickly enlarged, and in doing, spreading more thinly, it naturally cooled down. Within a second it grew enough to swell for many miles, and within two minutes - though still scaringly hot by our standards - the cores of the first ordinary atoms began

to hold together. Almost as soon as those atom constructions began, though, the continued expansion cooled everything even nee; and by four minutes or so, this fast construction period was largely over. There

was energy, and there were the cores of hydrogen and helium all moving very fast - but that was all.

It is tempting to think of this all spreading out from one point, some sort of gushing tap in the sky, which astronomers might one day locate, like the single vanishing point of Renaissance perspective. But the Big Bang is stranger than that. What was created, at the start, wasn't just the bits of matter that tumble forward through space, out of some suddenly created hole, but also the space itself in which they travel.

This really is odd. Distant galaxies speed away from us, but not because we were each shot out from the Big Bang in a different direction. Rather, the very space stretching between us is steadily opening up, in a rush left over from the initial blast. The concept made no sense before Einstein, as previous thinkers didn't see space as an active substance, capable of a greater or lesser

tautening. As space continued loosen ing, the first stars ignited, about one billion years after creation. The largest ones built up enormous solid iron cores, which ended up ripping the space at their centres into black holes, so sucking the main body of the star rather uselessly in behind. Less cor-



Big Bang VISITING LECTURER: David Bodanis

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pulent stars avoided that fate. and often conveniently burst apart outwards, sending the heavy elements that they had squeezed into existence drifting off through space, to end up where one minor planetary system was being formed. Fast forward 4.5 billion years and the result, each morning,

is mobile chunks of carbon atoms (that's us, folks) wading through clouds of star-created oxygen atoms, stirring a caffeine-dense liquid of Big Bang hydrogen atoms, as they read about how they came to exist. It is a good story, and pleas-

ingly well supported. Particles really have been seen to emerge spontaneously out of 'empty" vacuum in the lab; the two-minute interval for the original construction of atom cores matches the amounts of helium left in the oldest stars; and star explosions that create further elements are so frequently photographed that you can call them up on the Web.

Even the future can be peered at. In five billion years, the hydrogen at the core of our sun will be used up, its outer layers igniting and roaring towards Earth, finally returning our carbon atoms or any distant descendants back into space, for another turn in the great galactic recycling

Another 30 billion years,

tinue rushing outward, from the long distant Big Bang, carrying the rock fragments and dead stars ever farther apart in the swirling cold. Pascal wrote about the terror one could feel, trapped in a universe of infinite silences; isolated from God. I don't know how much he was satis-

and the galaxies will have increasingly used up their fuel, the night sky everywhere

becoming darker, and colder.

The fabric of space will con-

fied with the answers he struggled with, for the very question was only posed once science by uncovering those vast spaces so exactly - had disturbed, perhaps forever, the religion he sought. But I do wonder what he would have made of the most recent view. If our universe did begin from a tiny fluctuation in an apparent vacuum, our Big Bang didn't have to be the only one. Universes could be whizzing off from ours all the time, inflating at great velocity,

see. Ours, in turn, would just have spun off from one of the many universes existing before. It is not what Pascal would have expected, yet if it is true, we are not alone at all, but rather surrounded, encased. by these infinite bubbles of existence.

albeit in dimensions we can't

Tomorrow, Evolution

BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2099 SFA declares war on badly run companies

JOHN MITTCOCK

The Securities and Futures Authority plans to slash compliance costs and red tape for well-managed City firms and raise costs for poorly managed ones in a radical attempt to "prevent another Barings".

After an "annus horribilis" for the securities regulator which started with the collapse of Barings bank and ended with the Sumitomo copper scandal, the SFA chairman,

time to concentrate compliance resources where they were

The SFA is moving away from concentrating on which sectors are risky, and instead is looking at which firms handle risk well, and those that do not.

Mr Durlacher said: "We will look at the inherent quality of the firm rather than the type of business it does. SFA inspections for good firms will be far

Durlacher said poorly run firms would be penalised in a number of ways. If their systems for controlling counter-party risk, or credit for securities transactions, were found to be inadequate they would be forced to put aside more capital to safeguard such risks. This might

seeking a capital injection, Mr Durlacher said. This would have a big impact

even necessitate some firms

cover for many securities transactions has been 100 per cent of the worth of the deal. This could be cut to as low as 8 per cent for well-managed firms.

In this "carrot-and-stick" approach, well-run firms will have red tape slashed. They will be required to make fewer exposure reports, which in derivatives can be time-consuming and

The SFA plans to impose

duce reporting burdens in some areas where a firm's systems and standards are proven, and scrap "uneconomic, ineffective or un-

necessarily burdensome" rules. Mr Durlacher admitted the SFA had taken "a pounding" for its roles in Barings and Sumitomo, and that the regulator had ended the year 1995/6 "wiser".

The SFA chairman said that when the collapse of Barings "exploded on the scene" the make sure that co-operation with the bank of England was working properly, that "nothing was falling between the cracks". The SFA's disciplinary inves-

tigation that followed into Barings had been "a very difficult process, very much in the pubic eye. We were not able to bring a case against Peter Baring [the former chairman of Barings] or Andrew Tuckey [another senior executive] be-

wrong doing. We were roundly attacked in the press for that. In response, the SFA next

week will start consulting its members over new powers which it proposes will allow it to prosecute or take other action against senior management for problems in their

There was one silver lining to the year, Mr Durlacher added. The European Union's Investment Service Directive. (which

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On security firms' costs, he annual report for 1995/6, Mr added. Traditionally, capital where problems are greatest, re
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Half the EU countries had not implemented it yet, said Mr Durlacher, and Germany was not planning to do so until

mid-1997. The annual report said the SFA made a net deficit after tax of £890,000 for the year to March 31 due to the cost of systems redevelopment. Comment, page 15

Pearson nets £305m for Westminster

MATHEW HORSMAN

Pearson, the media and entertainment giant, yesterday took the sting out of poor interim profits by unveiling the sale of its regional newspaper group. Westminster Press, for £305m - marginally ahead of City expectations.

The sale, to aggressive regional newspaper publisher Newsquest, marks a continuation of Pearson's move from "traditional to screen-based media," Lord Blakenham, chairman, said yesterday. The company also announced the purchase of another 30 per cent of Les Recoletos, the Spanish media concern, taking its share to 95 per cent at a cost

But while media analysts cheered the deals, there was still disappointment over the company's continuing prob-lems with its US CD-Rom subsidiary, Mindscape, and some concern about the ballooning costs associated with retuning millions of VCRs in advance of the launch of Channel 5, in which Pearson has a 24 per cent stake.

Pre-tax profits slid 40 per cent in the first half of 1996, to just £30m from £50m last widely trailed. Underlying results were in line with most estimates, and the shares climbed 19p to 630p, as the market breathed a sigh of

The education unit, which includes the newly purchased a £8m HarperCollins Educational fund.

Publishing, posted seasonal losses, but was on track for a strong performance in the second half of the year. Pearson Television had a strong half, helped by sales by its Grundy Worldwide and Thames Television sub-

Penguin Books had a good half, particularly in the US. Pearson yesterday announced the appointment of Michael Lynton, former head of Hollywood Pictures, a Disney subsidiary, as chief executive of

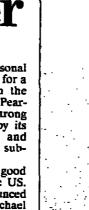
sure off management," said one analyst. "In a way, it might have been better if the results had been terrible or very good."

Pearson's management has come under intense scrutiny in recent months, as the City awaits signs the conglomerate would seek to maximise shareholder value, perhaps by selling off the highly rated television arm.

Institutional shareholders have also been asking Pearson to confirm succession plans following the planned retirement of managing director Frank Barlow.

Headhunters have been appointed, and they are looking time, largely on the effects of at both internal and external the poor performance of candidates, Lord Blakenham

Press generated a cash price equal to just over two times revenues - similar to recent deals in the sector. Pearson is to keep WP's 9 per cent stake in Press Association, as well as a £8m surplus in the pension



Penguin worldwide.
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The sale of Westminster

Newsquest was backed by KKR, the leveraged buy out specialists and Cinven, the

Both finance companies said they would continue to look for opportunities in the remedia venture capital group. gional newspaper market.

KKR, which backed Newsquest's management-led buyout of Reed Regional Newspaper early this year, team.'

The news coincided with the

said: "We see this business as highly cash generative, and we

Jim Brown, Newsquest's chief executive. said he planned to keep all 60 Westminster Press titles, although some might require

Cost of Channel 5 retuning may top £100m "Some are very modern, and others are rather long in the tooth. We'll take some time to sort them out." However, further acquisitions have not been ruled out.

extra investment.

Newsquest beat a competing offer from Mirror Group dent Newspapers, which presented a sweetened bid of £310m over the weekend. This was to include the pension surplus and the PA shares, valued at £3.8m, meaning that the Newsquest offer was slightly

Fears of Nissan UK loss

CHRIS GODSMARK

The head of Nissan's British manufacturing arm, which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary of ear production, said vesteraby he did not believe the Sunderland plant would build a third model range lan Gibson, the marking director, also disclosed that the

UK part of the Nissan empire could make its first loss this year since the operation broke even

The comments came as Nissan prepares to launch a replacement for the Primera saloon. The new car is already rolling off the production lines. and will be officially launched to British buyers at the Birmngham motor show in October.

Nissan has invested £320m in the Primera, £250m of which has largely been spent on inrestment in Sunderland. Since 1992 the company has also een considering whether to build a third model at the plant, alongside the Primera and Micra, which would eventually replace the recently launched Almera hatchback in the brd Escort category.

Questioned about speculation of a possible third model line. Mr Gibson said: "Right now there isn't a hard proposition to evaluate." He said much of the total £1.25n investment at Sunderland was so recent that it had not had time to carn a return. Building a third model in the UK would also take business away from Nissan plants in Japan, where the Almera is

Mr Gibson said he was "not ruling out a loss" this year at the plant, which made net profits of £10.4m in 1995. Nissan expects. to build around 215,000 cars this year at Sunderland, the same number as last year and well below the peak production of 240,000 achieved in 1993.

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of the merger of Telewest and stake in the fifth terrestrial ing a special contract with service, will capitalise its share Channel 5 to retune video SBC CableComms last year.

recorders for the new Channel 5 service could soar to as high as £100m, one of the channel's son, which has a 24 per cent of the £100m provision, and amortise it the company's finance director, John Makinson said yesterday. The figure is sharply higher

than the £55m originally bud-

geted by Channel 5, in which United News & Media and CLT also have stakes. It also emerged yesterday pany, is days away from agreerecorders in its franchise areas. Such an arrangement could help cap Channel 5's retuning costs. Other cable operators have also held talks about

offering returing services.

Economy: Slowdown provides Clarke with excuse to cut rates again as homeowners benefit from ongoing market revival

publication of Telewest's interbackers confirmed yesterday, that Telewest Communications, Revenue was up 59 per cent year £133.5m, including the results Losses climbed to £117m, as the costs of network building continued to eat into revenues. The company said it was on schedule to go into positive operating cash flow this year.

under the acting chief executive, im figures, which analysts said Stephen Davidson, who took were a little below expectations. over from Alan Michels last farmed in the position by the end of the year, and is in line to see

his salary increased "substantially" in two phases: an ediate increase to reflect his "acting CEO status" and a further, retroactive rise following confirmation of his position at the end of the year.

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Industrial output falls sharply

Economics Editor

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Industrial output fell by more in June than at any time since mid-1992, at the tail-end of the recession. The unexpected drop will give Kenneth Clarke the rates again, City economists said yesterday, although few think the economy needs any further stimulus. Indeed, separate figures

showed a further increase in the growth of cash in circulation in July, confirming the surge in consumer spending. The weak figures for both manufacturing output and total

zling in the light of the renewed optimism revealed by recent business surveys.
The Office for National Statistics said the trend in manu-

STILL STRUGGLING Growth in manufacturing output

Manufacturing output fell 0.3 per cent in the month and was unchanged in the three months to June against a year earlier. A sharp fall in energy production between the colderhan-average May and warmerthan-average June took total industrial output 1.1 per cent facturing was flat for the lower, it grew 1.1 per cent yearon-year in the second quarter.

Some analysts suggested that the gap between the disappointing output figures and recent buoyant survey results might be due to de-stocking.

James Barty, of the investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said: "If the drop in output is due to manufacturers getting excess stocks into line, that will be good news for the economy. Kevin Darlington at Hoare Govett said the recent survey evidence of an upturn in in-

dustry was compelling. "All the surveys are pointing in the same direction. Manufacturing will not stagnate into the foreseeable future," he said. This view was shared by the Treasury minister Angela Knight:

"Although manufacturing was flat in the second quarter all the main surveys suggest that output has started to pick up." The drop in June was spread across the board, although par-

ticularly pronounced in elec-

statisticians stressed the volatil-ity of the monthly figures and emphasised the flat threemonth picture. Output of the petrol refining

and nuclear fuels industry fell by nearly 10 per cent in the second quarter, and there were also small declines in basic metals and "other" manufacturing. The strongest gains during the

quarter were made in textiles, chemicals and food, drink and tobacco, which make up nearly one-third of the manufacturing total while the key engineering sector increased production by

The buoyancy of the demand side of the economy was highlighted by separate figures from the Bank of England showing that the 12-month growth of notes and coins in circulation edged up to 7.1 per cent last month from an already robust 7 per cent in June.

350,000 escape from negative equity trap

Continuing evidence of a revival in the UK housing market came yesterday from a report show-ing that the number of homebuyers blighted by negative equity fell by almost 350,000 to 758,000 in the second quarter of 1996, writes Nic Cicutti.

The decline, the largest for more than three years, also marks the first time since late 1991 that the number of affected households has dropped below the million mark. A further 1.9 million home-

owners have insufficient equity less than £5,000 of net equity in their property - to finance a move without also relying on

separate savings. The average shortfall in negative equity levels, where a mortgage is greater than the value of the property, also dropped by £200 to £4,200 compared with the first quarter of 1996.

Rob Thomas, an economist at UBS, the Swiss banking group. It follows a similar survey last month by Woolwich Building Society, also showing that numbers of borrowers suffering from negative equity have declined significantly.

Both reports are based on calculating how many people are lifted out of negative equity given continuing house price increases. Last week, both Halifan and Nationwide building societies reported a monthly increase for July of 0.5 per cent

Mr Thomas said: "The dramatic reduction is testament to the most buoyant housing mar-ket since the late 1980s. Although we don't expect the recovery to continue at this pace in the second half, house prices will keep rising."

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COMMENT

'Regulators must be able to do more than just tick boxes. They must be capable of assessing the quality of management and then making a mature decision about the

level of compliance it

must adhere to'

New SFA rules will hit firms where it hurts The grey panthers have been joined by the loan sharks. The Bank of England's method of beefing up the policing of the City is to bring in a handful of retired senior bankers to show the mount of the consuming bureaucratic and expensive form-filling. bankers to show the young 'uns in its

supervision department the ropes. The tactic preferred by the Securities and Futures Authority is to make high-risk firms pay through the nose for the privilege of stay-Cynics might wonder whether the SFA's decision to reduce compliance costs for well-

run organisations while ratcheting them up for poorly-managed ones has as much to do with its own costs as anything. The SFA has some 270 staff to police 1300 members. The Bank's supervisory department will have twice that number to look after about 500

But there is no disputing that, post Barings, the SFA's example is the way regulation is moving, at least in financial services. Under its new chairman Nick Durlacher, the SFA is already consulting on a new set of rules that would allow it to punish deficient managements. The logical extension of that system is to make it more expensive for them if they want to stay in business.

Increasing capital requirements so that firms judged to have a higher risk profile need to have more funds available to cover counterparty risks and margin calls is a quick way to hit them where it hurts most.

Likewise the move to reduce reporting Labour gets in it would probably wind up requirements for firms that follow the SFA's the SFA and other bodies like it and hand

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, which polices financial intermediaries, is going down a similar path by relaxing the regulatory regime for those which can demonstrate they are operating in accordance with best practice.

It is a theme running right through financial regulation and one which is gaining more advocates every day. Forget about minute application of every rule in the book on firms with strong management and focus resources on those where the potential problems lie.

The rub is that it requires regulators who are able to do more than just tick boxes. They must be capable of assessing the quality of a management and then making a mature decision about what level of compliance it must adhere to. That, in turn, puts them more squarely in the firing line should a management deemed to be low risk, end up in a high-profile mess.
As the Bank found when it invited Arthur

Andersen through its portals, quality of supervisory staff can be mixed. The slimline SFA believes it has the quality of staff to carry through its new regulatory approach. The irony is that it may not have the time to prove the superiority of its approach. If Labour gets in it would probably wind up

Pearson proclaims diverting news

It is a tried and tested formula to distract attention from poor figures with an avalnache of other news. Pearson attempted just that yesterday with three big-league announcements: the appointment of a Hollywood hot-shot as head of Penguin; the pur chase of nearly all of the shares in Spanish media concern Les Recoletos it did not already own; and the £305m sale of Westminister Press to Newsquest.

Let's come back to the big announcement later. The bad news was in the interim fig-ures. No amount of advance warning could divert attention from the awfulness of Pear-son's plunge into the US electronic pub-lishing market, through its ill-advised Mind-scape acquisition. The damage has been done, and the share price fully reflects it. There were a few other disappointments it the figures - not least higher than expected restructuring charges in the period and the confirmation of much higher costs arising from the retuning of VCRs in advance of the launch of Channel 5

CLIFFORD GERMAN

The board of Kleinwort Benson

European Privatisation Invest-

ment Trust - Kepit - yesterday

invited all interested parties to

put their plans for the trust in

writing by 19 August, as several

more fund management groups

expressed an interest in the fu-

ture of the large but unsuc-

Henderson Touche Remnant

made a firm offer last Wednes-

day which would liquidate the

trust, take a fee and give Kepit

shareholders a choice of cash or

a cheap entry to HTR's own Eu-

ropean investment trust, Treg.

HTR claims it can offer them

premium over the price of

heir Kepit shares, which have

been trading at a discount of up

to 14 per cent to net asset

Profit before tax

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cessful trust.

their regulatory functions over to a beefed up supervisory body run by the Bank.

The Recoletos acquisition makes eminent sense. The 95 per cent share Pearson now holds cost it about £160m to amass, and is probably worth £300m. And there is no doubt that Michael Lynton, former Hollywood Pic-tures head, is a catch for Penguin.

The question is whether the company makes sense in its current configuration and whether present management can cope. Frank Barlowand Lord Blakenham have

overseen one of the most impressive restructurings of any British company. From oil serrices, china, books, newspapers and financial services, it has refocused along clear lines - broadly, multimedia. The problem is that, having started, the management has to complete the process. Shareholders see hidden value in the Pearson Television hold-ings, wonder why Lazard's is still in the fold and ponder the advantages of spinning off Madame Tussaud. Until Pearson completes the restructuring - or until someone else steps in to do it from them - the City's perception of the management, and probably the share price, will remain volatile.

Oftel turns into villain over the 'Bolton factor'

The big news items were – as intended – reassuring. Pearson did manage to get the Westminster Press sale off in quick order,

value, but critics claim that the

assets will be harder to sell than

Treg anticipates and the value

of the cash exit may be less than

last week's forecast of 93.86p,

and pro rata for holders of

92.75p, unchanged on the day but 3p up on last week, while the warrants rose 0.5p to 28.75p.

The present fund managers, Kleinwort Benson Investment

Management, believe their own

counter-proposal, rushed out

last Friday, to convert the in-

vestment trust into a unit trust

will eliminate the discount the

trust has been trading at in re-

lation to the value of the assets

it has invested in, and enable in-

vestors to obtain better value for

They would however still be

Kepit shares now stand at

Several more suitors woo Kepit

left with Kleinwort manage-

ment, and if as seems likely in

the circumstances too many

decided to cash in their units as

soon as the unitisation process

was completed, the managers

could be forced to sell their best

assets at poor prices, losing

most of the gains from unitisa-

most seductive option comes

from Morgan Grenfell which

seeks to take over manage-

ment of Kepit and diversify its

holdings over time to reduce the

discount without being forced

to sell shares at short notice at

Morgan Grenfell has a bet-

ter record than Kepit as a Eu-

ropean fund manager but it

would be obliged to pay KBIM

up to £4m compensation for loss

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tion in the process.

poor prices.

out of telephone numbers. Phoneday last year might have given us another 8 billion of them but Bolton's supply will still be exhausted by

business

2012 unless something is done.

That something might be to be replace its existing 01204 code, which was only introduced in spring last year with a code starting 020 and then followed by a seven digit number. The situation is even worse in London which will run out of 0171 and 0181 numbers by the turn of the millenium. The answer will be to switch to 020 and 022 (021 used to be Birmingham but that's another story) followed by an eight digit number instead of seven. In Reading, meanwhile you can already be reached on 01734 or 0118 followed by six digits or is it seven. Confused? You will be.

In the space of a weekend Don Cruickshank, the director-general of Oftel, has gone from hero to villain with his proposals to find more numbers to keep up with our insatiable appetite for telephones. Why didn't he suggest changing to 020 something something a year ago instead of the halfway house of inserting a 1 after the 0? Well, he did actually propose that new subscribers be 020ers but consumer

groups went ape at the thought of having to dial a four digit code just to ring next door. Presentationally, Mr Cruickshank could have made a better fist of it. But the real villains of the piece are the big businesses who have sacked the switchboard operator and introduced hundreds of direct dial phones. Their representatives were keeping a strangely low profile yesterday.

of management contract. Other

interested parties have not yet

been named, but it is under-

stood they are unitisers like

KBIM or reformers like Mor-

gan Grenfell rather than out-

fore also incur an obligation to compensate KBIM.

nary general meeting in London

today to answer questions from shareholders, including an un-

usually large number of private

expected to be critical of the

past management performance

and the board of Kepit is un-

derstood to be anxious to

demonstrate its independence

and its commitment to share-

The mood of shareholders is

Kepit will hold an extraordi-

Their proposals would there-

right bidders.

investors.

Watchdog pledges to fight BT challenge

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Don Cruickshank, the telecommunications regulator, yester-day promised to fight "tooth and nail" a legal challenge to his powers to be mounted by BT.
Mr Cruickshank was com-

menting on the dramatic events f Friday night, when the BT beard finally agreed to Oftel's proposal to take on new powers to ban any behaviour the regulator believes will inhibit competition. The changes are linked to a new price formula for BT, which would restrict increases in domestic bills to 4.5 per cent below inflation until 2001, but exclude most businesses from controls for the first

BT said on Friday that it would accept Oftel's new powers, which the company insisted had been revised to meet its main concerns, but added that it would be seeking a judicial review to see whether the proposals were lawful. The BT statement described this move as "uncontentious"

However it was clear yesterday that relations between the two sides have not improved, despite the company's decision to accept the regulatory changes. Asked about the legal challenge, Mr Cruickshank said: "I think they're wrong to do so and they'll lose, but it's their privilege." He continued: "I'm going to fight them tooth and

BT said the legal challenge was purely to clarify the situa-tion. It will examine whether the regulator is exceeding his responsibilities by taking on extra powers. It will also question whether Oftel was right to link the regulatory condition with price controls.

Oftel also cast doubt on the significance of the concessions "won" by BT, which were announced after an eleventh hour meeting between Mr Cruickshank and BT's chief executive, Sir Peter Bonfield.

The anti-competitive powers will not come into force until December, later than originally planned. Oftel will



See you in court: Telecoms regulator Don Cruikshank

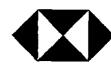
examine disputes, though its rulings would not be binding.

Mr Cruickshank admitted the advisory panel was "bound to be a constraint" but insisited it did not amount to even a "semi-court of appeal." BT's main criticisim of the fair trading powers has been that they include no formal right of apneal against Oftel's decisions. Last year the BT chairman, Sir lain Vallance, went as far as to describe the proposals as "extremely dangerous".

BT yesterday said the judicial review was purely to clarify the situation and would take place in the autumn. The company also wants the Government to change the law to include a right of appeal in Oftel's fair trading powers. BT said it hoped this would happen by the year-end, but analysts regard this timescale as optimistic.

Any changes to the law would be hit by the lack of Parliamentary time and the ap-

HSBC Holdings plc



1996 Interim Results

£1,737m

also set up an advisory panel to proaching General Election. Half year to 30 June 1996 30 June 1995 Tunnel takes traffic off ferries

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

The call from P&O and Stena to allow co-operation on their cross-channel routes was vindicated yesterday by figures from Euronomiel showing the channel tunnel continued to take market share from the ferries in July.

Eurotunnel said a record number of vehicles used its Le Shuttle rail service between France and Britain last month. The group, which is embroiled in bitter talks with its banks to

share of the market had risen from 40 per cent at the beginning of the year to 44 per cent.
There was also a big increase

in the number of passengers us-ing Eurostar train services, which are operated by other companies but use the channel tunnel. The high-speed trains linking Belgium, France and Britain were used by 529,330 people in July, up from 308,027 in the same

month in 1995, a 72 per cent rise. Eurotunne's Le Shuttle trains saw an increase in the number

ease its debt burden, said its of tourist vehicles using the tun-share of the market had risen nel from 112,060 to 234,393. There was also a rise in the number of trucks from 37,126 to 53,978, as the tunnel's share of

the freight market rose to 45 per cent from 43 per cent in June and 40 per cent in May. There had been declines earlier in the year. The figures from Eurotunnel underlined the ferry companies need to rationalise their services

across the channel. Last month P&O confirmed that the number of passengers on its short sea crossing to France had fallen

from 4.8 million to 4.1 million in the first half-year.

That followed permission from the Government, after a long lobbying campaign, either to share ticketing arrangements with its rival Stena or actually discuss a full merger to create a new apany operating both sets of ferries. No details of any possi-

ble tie-up have yet emerged. Eurotumel, which froze interest payments on FFr62bn (£7.7bn) of bank loans last year, said last week it was making some progress in its negotiations. to shareholders £1,586m £1,203m Earnings per share 60.14p 15.00p Dividends per share 9.250 Capital resources £23,403m £19,464m

£2,321m

First half 1996 over first half 1995:

- Pre-tax profit up 34% and attributable profit up 32%
- Pre-tax profit up 28% and attributable profit up 27% in Hong Kong dollars
- Earnings per share up 30%
- Dividends per share up 62%
- Total capital ratio 15.3% and tier 1 capital ratio 9.8%

Comment by Sir William Purves, HSBC Group Chairman

66 Our results for the first half of 1996 were good. A number of features were particularly satisfying. In Midland Bank, operating expenses declined. First Direct continued to make good progress, adding 88,000 customers and steadily growing its profitability. Our global custody business won significant new accounts. In Hong Kong, action taken in the last eighteen months to strengthen and expand our treasury centre has generated stronger foreign exchange earnings. Hang Seng Bank continued to expand the proportion of its balance sheet taken up by advances to customers. Our other businesses in the rest of the Asia-Pacific region also performed well.

The Board has declared a first interim dividend of 15 pence per share, an increase of 62 per cent compared with 9.25 pence declared at this stage in 1995. This increased interim dividend reflects both the Group's improved results and the desire to increase the proportion of the annual distribution paid out at the interim stage.

The Board also plans to accelerate the distribution of dividends following the year-end by paying a second interim dividend in respect of 1996 in lieu of a final dividend. This dividend will be declared with the yearend results in early March for payment in early May.

Our markets remain highly competitive and are undergoing structural change. With strong capital and liquidity and with a loyal and dedicated workforce, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. 33

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HSBC hits £2.3bn record profits

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E.BC, one of the world's biggest banking groups, yesterday announced record first half profits, with buoyant revenues boosted by lower operating costs. The group's pre-tax profits grew by 34 per cent to 12.32bn, while operating profit before provisions increased by 25 per cent to £2.24bn.

Midland Bank, HSBC's retail banking arm in the UK, made a significant contribution, with pre-tax profits of £651m, up 24 per cent on the first half of 1995. The interim dividend was raised by 62 per cent of 15p.

Shares in HSBC jumped 48p to £11.64 on the news. The results are marvellous," one City analyst said.

Sir William Purvis, HSBC chairman, played down some analvsts expectations that Midland Bank was on the acquisition trail, possibly for a large building society. He said that Asia would continue to be the primary growth area; in the more mature markets of the UK and the Americas, the focus would be on improving productivity and mar-

ket share. Sir William voiced concern about the competitive position of Britain's finance sector if the country were not to sign up for the first phase of the single European currency in 1999, following reports that UK banks might be treated differently in terms of market access. He had little doubt "that it's a major concern of the Governor of the Bank of England and I hope he's

going to do something about it." Midland Bank's rise in profits came as the UK bank also succeeded incutting its cost to income ratio to 62 per cent, down from 68 per cent in the same period last year. Keith Whitson, chief executive at the Midland, said"Our sales of mortgages, insurance and other personal investment products rose and the cards division in-

creased its business significant-The bank might make up to 300 more staff redundant before the end of the year, but most of those whose jobs were disappearing would be redeployed. | year earlier.

IN BRIEF

 Reckitt & Colman has bought the international consumer insecticide business of AgrEvo, the environmental health joint venture of German drugs giants Schering and Hoechst, for an undisclosed sum. AgroEvo trades under the Pif Paf brand and had sales in 1995 of around £20m. Reckitt & Colman also sold the professional products and industrial products business of Scholke & Mayr, with a turnover of about DM150m (£65.5m), to Air Liquide of France.

 General Electric Capital Corp said it will buy life insurer First Colony Corp for \$1.8bn. The finance unit of General Electric will pay \$36.15 a share for Virginia-based First Colony whose American Life Insurance Co and First Colony Life Insurance Co. will become units of GE Capital Assurance. The acquisition will add about \$11bn in assets to GE Capital Service, which currently has assets of more than \$185bn, the company said.

 MidAmerican Energy Co, an Iowa-based utility company, made a hostile \$1.17bn bid for fellow Iowan utility IES Industries Inc. MidAmerican is offering \$39 a share for each IES share versus Friday's closing price of \$29.75.

IES has already agreed to join with WPL Holdings, a utility holding company in Madison, Wisconsin, and Interstate Power Co, based in Dubuque, Iowa. PacifiCare Health Systems said it signed a definitive agreement to acquire health-services company FHP International in a cash

and shares deal valued at about \$2.1bn. The merger would cre-

ate a company with more than \$8.6bn in revenues and almost four

million members, PacifiCare said. • UBS, Switzerland's biggest banking group, said first-half net profit rose 33 per cent, as volume in Swiss financial markets swelled enough to more than offset higher provisions against credit risks. Net profit rose to SFr1.11bn (\$930m) in the six months through June, within analysis' expectations, from SFr 832m a

Few clouds to darken BA horizon

The tiff between BA and its partner US. Air, which has taken umbrage at the British company's proposed dalliance with American Airlines, has tended to distract from the fundamental and the fundamental and the fundamental from the fundamenta distract from the fundamentals of a business that is enjoying a determined which BA would not have contembenevolent trading environment.

At £150m, pre-tax profits for the three months to June were 11.1 per cent higher than the £135m of a year ago and Sir Colin Marshall, who moved up to the chairmanship in January, predicted another record year for the industry on the way to peak earnings around the nirn of the decade. Earnings per share increased 13.3 per cent to 11.9p.

average passengers flew further, revenue pacity, however, that actually reduced

slightly the percentage of seats sold.

That was the bad news. More ensive discounting, some price increases on the back of improved services in first class and business cabins, stronger growth in premium-priced traffic and favourable exchange rates. In other bile phone base stations that it would favourable exchange rates. In other words BA concentrated more on proftake several PhDs to fully understand.

bile phone base stations that it would deferred orders in the US, effectively take several PhDs to fully understand.

itability than in getting bums on seats. Cargo traffic remained a disappointment with more capacity in the market than world trade can justify and while carryings increased by 9 per cent, yields were 4.5 per cent lower.

As BA works towards its bold target of being "the best managed company in Britain" by the the end of the decade, another slight concern was an 11 per cent jump in costs, hit by adverse currencies and higher fuel and staff costs. There is plainly plenty still to cut in BA, however, and the £1bn cited at the time of the last full-year figures is an indication of the scale of improvements available. BA has come a long way since privatisation in the mid-1980s but the dead hand of the state-run airline has not been completely shaken off.

Valuing BA is complicated by its cyclicality, which means a reasonable discount must be applied to the company's peak earnings, and by the fact that there is no sector with which to compare it in the UK. But on the basis of forecast profits of £676m to next March, followed by £791m and then £879m close to the peak in the cycle, a prospective p/e ratio of 11.3, falling to 10 and then 8.8, does not seem too demanding. That is especially so with the prospect of a profits boost from the AA alliance

cyclical upswing. First-quarter figures plated without the potential for big from BA yesterday underlined the gains in efficiency and passenger volumes. There is little of that in the price and the shares have not peaked yet.

A lot to trust at Filtronic

Filtronic Comtek has only been on the The number of passengers carried in-creased fractionally on last year to 8.35 shareholders have had more excitement million and, boosted by the fact that on in that time than most companies provide in a decade or so. Floated at 105p, passenger kilometres (the industry's volume measure) increased by 3.7 per cent.
As there was a 5.9 per cent rise in cayear to the day after first dealings. They

closed yesterday at 196p. rut another way the company's mar-ket value has swung from an opening value of just £43m to a peak value of £218m and back down again to £83m sive discounting, some price increase ride could only be achieved at the high tech end of the electronics industry so it will come as no surprise that Fil-tronic's products are black boxes in mo-

Cash flow per share quance)

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

The fact that no investors really understand the product is, of course, the root of the problem with the shares. That and the high expectations which are engendered by a company operating in one of the truly great growth markets of the back end of the century -

mobile telephony. than 400 million mobile subscribers by the year 2001 compared with 87 million at the end of last year. With Filtronic claiming to have little competition in Europe for its transmission and receiver devices, that is clips Bluebird plainly a mouthwatering prospect for

a small company. company's technical expertise into industry's high-flyers in recent years but sales and profits is proving slower after the shares hit 375p last Novemban first hoped for. And because Filber the company has had its wings tronic prudently writes off its research and development expenditure as it goes along, profits can be extremely volatile. Last year, reported pre-tax profits of the second half. Profits in the six: writing off slightly more than that in R&D

That would not have hit the bottom line so hard if big customers had not

pany that has disappointed so soon into its quoted life.

Even on the basis of house broker Panmure Gordon's forecast of £5m profits in the year to next May and £9.8m next time, the shares, down a further 31p yesterday, trade on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 25, falling to 12.5. With no yield support, even af-It is estimated that there will be more ter a 61 per cent fall from the peak, there's still a lot taken on trust.

The problem is that translating the Bluebird Toys has been one of the toy clipped severely. The shares fell a further 17 per cent to 176p yesterday on lower interim profits and a warning on Profits in the six months to June were

down more than half to £3.1m (£7.6m) on sales down more than a third to £23.5m. Sales and profits will also be affected in the second half for three main reasons. One is that Bluebird's boys' toy, Mighty Max, has been withdrawn after a long run, slicing £7m off sales. The second is a downtum in the UK and US toy markets which have slumped by 5 per cent year-on-year. The final reason is that retailers have been de-stocking, particularly Blue-bird's star product. Polly Pocket, the girls' range of collectibles.

The key here is whether Polly's sales bounce back. Bluebird has made much of the toy's resilience, saying it has the potential for long-term growth of a Sindy or Barbie and is not a twoor three-year fad. But copy-cat versions (such as Pony in My Pocket) are already grabbing retailers shelf space.

The story is not completely bleak.

New products such as the Batman and Disney miniatures only came on stream at the end of the first half. Other new launches such as Spiderman and Space Monkeys are due in the fourth quarter. But these toys are owned by other companies such as Disney and Marvel Comics. If Polly's growth is stalling it will make a bid by Mattel or Hasbro, which holds a small stake, less likely. This would remove another reason for holding the shares. With analysts forecasting full-year profits of £11m for the current year, against previous estimates of £16m, the shares are on a forward rating of 11. They look vulnerable.

Lunchtime salute rattles, the corridors of the SFA

CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK

It's not often that cannon fire interrupts a City lunch. But yesterday, Nick Durlacher of the SFA was just sitting down to sandwiches when the windows of his new Hays Galleria offices overlooking the Thames rattled with a multi-gun salute from the Tower of London. in honour of the Queen Mother's 96th birthday the

day before.

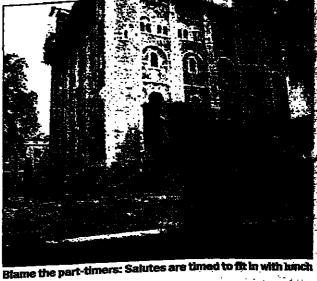
It turns out that gun salutes from the Tower have to be on weekdays, since the The Honourable Artillery Company. which fires the cannon, are part-time volunteers, most of whom work in the City.This also means the guns are fired at 1pm rather than noon, to fit in with the gunners'

The SFA chief was just singing the praises of his new offices, which have "the best view in the City, overlooking HMS Belfast", when the first shot rang out.

The regulators moved in two months ago when Lloyds Bank vacated, Richard Farrant, SFA chief executive, who joined the briefing, added that Lloyds had "left some of their furniture behind - in fact we had lunch sitting on their chairs". Now that's what I call cost savings.

Sir William Purves, dour group chairman of mighty HSBC Holdings, took time off from answering how his bank made half-year profits of over £2.3bn to parry a more personal query: "December 27th is an important date for you, isn't it? Sir Willie agreed. It's his 65th

Most politicians in the US would give an arm and a leg to appear on the top-rated Lary King Live, a chat show discussing topics of the moment. And Richard Everitt, director of group strategy and compliance at BAA, must be the only man ever to have turned down an invitation to appear. Mr Everitt was in Washington giving evidence to the Senate committee investigating airport safety after the TWA disaster. According to BAA sources, he told the television people they must be joking – he was not prepared to be made a punch bag of by a seasoned operator like Mr King. If only more politicians were like Mr Everitt.



chaos, the financial controller

have learnt a valuable

lesson – keep it simple.

was sent for, the figure found,

and honour restored.

No doubt Mr Makinson will

Grand Prix ace Nigel Mansell

Grand Prix ace Nigel Mansell is facing allegations of insider share dealing in a case pending in the High Courts.

According to the Lawyer magazine, Mr Mansell and his wifele. Rosanne are swing for the return of cash they allege they paid to a golfing friend, Anthony Collard, in a stare deal. Their suit claims that Collard with the measures.

that Collard used the money as a

deposit on a £550,000 farm and

birthday. "Since it comes after Christmas my family don't no-

tice it any more."
When asked when he will retire from HSBC, which he joined in 1954, he replied: "When the Board decides it is time for me to go, I will with great alacrity." But who would dare?

John Makinson, finance director of Pearson, did well in his first time out presenting the group's accounts. Until, that s, towards the end, when one analyst asked where the back office cost allocations had disappeared to between 1995's figures and those presented

Mr Makinson searched his pile of papers to no avail, until he was joined by one, then a whole mob of analysts, seeking the chusive answer. Finally, as the meeting descended into

to pay off debts. Collard has since committed suicide. The case started at the High Court last month when Mr Mansell sought an asset-freez-

ing order to protect the money he claims he is owed. At the hearing, however, Mark Howard QC opposed the freezing order, saying that Mr Mansell had been persuaded to hand over the money for shares in a New York hi-tech computer company which was about to be floated. The judge turned down the freezing 🕠 order, and the allegations will be decided upon in the upcoming trial.

Tied houses face legal challenge from Europe

Share price (pence)



Peter Jarvis: Whitbread says

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The European Commission yesterday threatened to take Britain to the European Court of Justice over restrictions on sales of foreign beer in pubs.

In a new s n of its reservations about Britain's unique system of tied houses - exclusive distribution arrangements between brewers and public houses - the Commission said the restrictions constituted an llegal trade barrier under the

issue with the 1989 Beer Orders. which says operators of 10,000 nubs leased from Britain's four biggest brewers may sell beers other than those produced by the brewery to which they are is currently lobbying strongly to

tied only where those "guest" British requirements.

"This rule is discriminatory emption expires at the end of because it has the effect of ex
1997 and British brewers are British brewers to distribute forcluding draught beers from other member states and, as such, constitutes a disguised restriction of intra-Community trade," the Commission said in a statement.

"The Commission's action is therefore aimed at securing the removal of this discrimination, which is not justified on consumer protection grounds and is fragmenting the single market." It has given the British government 40 days to respond.

The British brewing industry

keep the tied-houses system beers are brewed to specific outside the scope of the EU's brewers. competition rules. A current ex-

> lobbying for it to be extended by another 15 years at least. The British brewers say the system allows small breweries to compete with larger compa-nies and benefits retailers and consumers. But the Commission argues that the rules effectively prevent non-British beers from gaining a guest spot in pubs eased by the UK brewers Scottish & Newcastle, Bass, Carlsberg-Tetley and Whitbread, led by Peter Jarvis. The four dommate the £13.8bn UK market

and own almost half of the pubs

which are "tied" by contracts to

The brewers have also forged eign brands through their pubs and in retail outlets. Whithread, for example, produces Dutch Heineken and Belgian Stella Artois, while Scottish & Newcastle sells Germany's Beck's.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Trade and Industry said the Government has yet to receive a letter from the Commission, but will "consider it and

respond" when it does. The Brewers & Licensed Retailers Association, the trade group for UK brewers and pub owners, rejected the Commis-

sion's attempt to allow other EU brewers to sell beer to tied pubs under the guest ale policy.

"Ultimately it will lead to less choice in pubs," said Brian Finnerty, spokesman for the BLRA, claiming that it would lead to bigger lager brands crowding out the smaller regional ales.

"It's outrageous," said Mike Benner, spokesman for the Campaign for Real Ale, whose small brewer members benefit from the provision. "It's total European interference in what is an internal matter pure and simple."

A Whitbread spokeswoman said even if the rules were changed, its leased pubs would be guided by consumer demand.

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BA (Q1)	- (-)	150m (135m)	11.9p (10.5p)	al ()
Bluebird Teys (1)	23.5m (39.0m)	3.1m (7.57m)	4.5p (11.8p)	2.250 (2.250)
Filtrenic Constac (F)	33.5m (25.7m)	3.25m (2.28m)	5.59p (8.36p)	1.0p (0.75p)
HSBC Heldings (1)	- (-)	2.32bn (1.74bn)	15p (9.25p)	15.0p (9.25p)
McKay Securities (F)	- (-)	2.84m (2.95m)	B.7p (9.1p)	5.5p (5.2p)
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Caverdale Group (1)	123m (87.4m)	2.61m (2.00m)	7.9p (6.8p)	1.5p (1.2p)
CRT Group (F)	103m (72.8m)	6.52m (5.97m)	7.86p (6.63p)	4.1p (2.75p)
Jacques Verl (F)	42.7m (49.7m)	-5.04m (41.2m)	-41.2n (22.1p)	nii (-)
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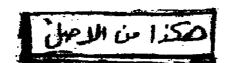
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Blue chips boost market cheered by interest rate news | The stock market's rehabilita-tion continued with the FT-SE 4288.4+22.7 100 index posting a 17.7 points gain, making a 119 plus in the 2395.1 ±9.1 past four trading sessions. Yesterday's advance had to SEAQ-VOLUME *

accommodate dividend payments wiping 8.8 points from Hopes US rates will not be forced higher and the Chancellor will be able to squeeze another base rate reduction provided much of the

And major company results were better than expected. HSBC headed the blue-chip performance table with a 48p gain to 1,164p and Pearson achieved a 19p lift to

In such a relaxed atmosphere it was not difficult to get a takeover story circulating.

Zeneca was entrapped yet again. Talk of a SmithKline Beecham strike pushed the shares 32p higher in often

535p and British Biotech, following its capitalisation, edged ahead 13.5p to 231p. Glaxo Wellcome managed to shrug off val to its Zantac ulcer drug,

Telley brewing operation.
Allied shaded 5p to 447p.
Cadbury Schweppes, as the
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brisk trading. They closed at 1,451p, an 18p uplift. Other drug shares were firm. Celltech added 27p to

a bearish story about a new ri-

firming to 908.5p. Bass rose 13p to 828p on suggestions it was squeezing Allied Domecq on the price for a half share in the Carisberg-

evaporated, fell 10p to 529p. Blenheim, the exhibition group where a bid from United News & Media had seemed immi-nent, lost 11p to 424p as the market grew restless about the lack of even the merest hint

At the height of the specu-lation the price touched 458p

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with talk of a 500p-plus bid in the offing.
Second liners had to contend with a run of disappointing statements. Filtronic, once 507p, tumbled 49p to 196p as US problems cut into profits; Zotefoams, a chemical group,

Compass, the catering

hold to sell. Other caterers were still on investment menus following

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year Whitbread's generous valua-tion of the Pelican restaurant

chain. Family-controlled Abproduced another profit warning, falling 41p to 199p and Bluebird, the toys group, lost 33p to 176p as first half profits halved. Grosvesior Inns was un-changed at 227p as Greig Mid-

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Win the chance to see Paint Your Wagon at the Open Air Theatre in Regents Park on August 17th, courtesy of Entenmann's, the taste of American baking at it's best. The thigh-slapping US gold mining adventure has been vividly brought to life by the cast. We've got 50 pairs of tickets to give away. Plus there are 50 luxury Optima Hampers to be won. A further 50 readers will receive an Osis coal 35phmin chasp rate. 45phmin all other times. Wence picked at random sites lines.

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group, slipped to 555p; NatWest Securities take the view the shares are too high and has moved its stance from

erdeen Steak Houses, despite saying it was baffled by its share strength, gained 32p to 70p and PizzaExpress gained 11p to 433p. Meanwhile Whitbread, little changed at 683p, lifted its Pelican stake to 6.4 per cent, buying 850,000 shares at 168p.

dicton took a cautious stance. It said the company's record "is poor given the capital raised" and the shares did not merit the sort of rating accorded oth-

er managed pub groups. Essex, the furniture group which has slumped from more

than 100p at the start of June, rose 7p to 69p as it said it could not account for the price slide. Hunting, which has crashed

from 231p since April, added 9p to 120p. The shares yield 11.3 per cent. The aviation and oil group, suffered a sharp reverse in its first half-year and the dividend is likely to be cut. Cray Electronics, down to 27p last month, was another to

modestly recharged its batteries, up 5.5p to 35.5p.
Costain, the struggling civil engineer, rose 4p to 68p as Kharafi & Sons, the Kuwaiti builder which opposed the recent £74m rescue reconstruction, picked up 1.25 million shares, taking its stake to 25.2 per cent. Last week Kharafi ac-

quired a 5.5 per cent interest.
Pan Andean Resources, seeking oil in Bolivia, gained 10p to a 108p peak. The company refused to comment but there is market talk of a bull-ish statement soon. It will,

among other things, give the date when BHP, the Australian giant working with PAR, will start drilling. It is unlikely BHP would drill unless it was

confident of a rich strike. Waterfall, the nightclub and snooker group, rose 4p to 52p. Stockbroker Butterfield see profits of £600,000 this year and £1.6m next and suggest the shares should be 60p.

The company, headed by former test cricketer Phil Edmonds, plans to lift its gold pro-

duction to 155,000 ounces by the end of the year.

Self Sealing Systems, sold to investors at 54p, fell 10p to 25p as it warned of start up prob-

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☐Emerald Energy beld at 2p. Dr. Keith Hewitt, formerly Texaco's man in Colombia, has acquired a 7.5 per cent interest and joined the board. The company is known to be near to clinching deals in Colombia and is expected to give details later this month. Dr Hewitt is consultant to an

Talbex, an aerosol group which crashed into administrative receivership seven

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leum which has a Colombian well with an oil flow of 3,400 barrels a day and could produce much more. years ago, arrived on Ofex. The shares traded at 0.75p. Happy Hotels also made its Ofex debut at 8p.

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Why do we sell out when they keep it in the family?

rc families good for business? One of the clear distinctions between the UK system of company organisation and that of continental countries is the preservation of family control on the continent, by contrast to the sell-out mentality of Britain's owners. It is a distinction as marked as the noted distinction between bank finance and stockmarket finance but one which has attracted much less attention.

There is, on the surface, an obvious link between the two. The availability of stockmarket finance would seem to make it easier for UK entrepreneurs to sell their businesses. But as a new study* sponsored by 3i suggests, the differences between the UK and the continent have more to do with cultural attitudes, and different continental countries themselves show very different results.

The issue is important, for two reasons. First, 85 per cent of small and medium-sized businesses in Europe are family firms. Second, small and medium-sized businesses are increasingly going to become the prin-cipal private sector employers as their bigger siblings downsize. So ensuring that the succession passes in an efficient way – one which enhances rather than diminishes the business is enormously important for our fu-

ture prosperity. Some results of this study are summarised in the three graphs. British owner-managers are the least inclined to establish family dynasties; as the graph on the left shows, only 23 per cent have inherited the business. Germany is at the other extreme, with 57 per cent of owners inheriting. Along with the French, British owner-managers are the least likely to transfer their business within the family (cen-



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the British cite most often the desire to realise a capital gain and the need to get new management into the company. The French and Germans, by contrast, stress the more negative reason of not able to pass on within family". The oft-made point that British companies need to sell to raise finance is not supported by this survey. They seem less likely to need to sell for this reason than companies in France, Germany or Italy.

What should we conclude from all this? The fact that there is, in the UK,

What role does tax play in the desire of the British to extract their cash?

a particularly active capital market. does not seem to loom large. Differences seem to be culture-driven, not institution-driven. This raises more questions than it answers. Why are the cultures different, and does this have implications for economic performance? It would be fascinating to know to what extent taxation plays a role in the desire of the British to extract their cash. Not just the ex-tent to which British owner-managers who have sold out transfer their money offshore to avoid UK taxation, but German

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tax system makes it possible to pass on businesses to children whereas the British does not.

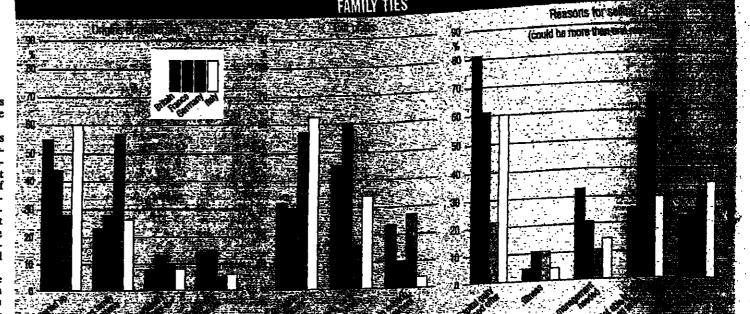
Go back a couple of generations and the British established and carried on family firms, but post-war taxation made this at best an inefficient and at worst an impossible way of passing on wealth. By contrast German taxation made passing owner-ship of a business more tax-efficient than passing on securities. What we call cultural behaviour may not really be culture at all, but a rational

response to financial stimuli.

Much has been made of the strength of the middle-sized German and Italian companies, most of which are family-owned, and which are often credited with the strength of the German and Italian recovery since the second world war. There is surely something in this: the stimulus to the economy from the trauma of defeat, and the fact that conventional careers in large companies were not open to a generation of would-be

The experience of Britain in the 1980s may mirror that of Germany and France after the war. Britain's economic failure in the 1970s and the upheavals of the 1980s were of course utterly different to the struggles of post-war Germany and Italy. but we do know that there was a surge in new business creation in Britain in the 1980s: at one stage we were creating more new businesses than the rest of Europe put together.

Interest Rates



Some work by Jane Black of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and David de Meza of Exeter University (published in a recent issue of the Economic Journal) suggests that business start-ups in the UK are stimulated by two things: unemployment

and rising house prices. For every 10 per cent increase in unemployment there was a 4 per cent rise in VAT registrations, and for every 10 per cent rise in housing eq-uity there was a 5 per cent rise in VAT registrations. It seems that rising unemployment encourages new business start-ups, while rising house prices enables people to finance

My guess is that these business will, in time, contribute as much to the UK economy as the familyowned businesses have contributed to the German and the Italian. (The French structure seems something of a half-way house between the UK and the German/Italian, to judge by the

responses to the survey.)
But what might this mean for Germany and Italy, where people who created the raft of post-war start-ups are now reaching retirement age? There is a problem of inter-genera-tional transfer on a much larger scale than in the UK. Not only are the cre-ators retiring, but whereas in the UK the chances are that they have sold

out and have therefore passed the business on to some other form of corporate ownership, on the conti-nent they are more likely to have passed it on in the family. There is no obvious answer. On the

one hand family businesses probably have a stability and maybe a long-term attitude which shareholderowned businesses do not. On the other hand heredity is an uneven method of selecting top management, and if institutional shareholders have control of a company they are likely to act with swift ferocity if nepotism is thought to have failed and an exit route appears. Think of Forte. I suspect that the most important

transition the German and the northern Italian economies face is not reworking their social welfare systems, but rather managing the succession of the family-owned companies which have generated most of their wealth. As for Britain, with its un-sentimental attitude to family businesses, this is not at the moment a major problem. Maybe in another 30 years, when the present crop of new husinesses are due to be passed on. it will become a concern. But that's a bridge to be crossed when we real.

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The Jockey Club attempted yesterday to put an end to speculation that Mr Sox, whose first-fence fall at Southwell last month resulted in the death of his rider, Richard Davis, was not fit to compete in the race due to a pelvic injury.

The coroner's inquest into Davis's death is continuing, but Club, the ultimate authority in matters relating to safety, decided to issue a comment late yesterday afternoon after consulting with the vet who attended to Mr Sox at the Derbyshire yard of Laura Shally, who trains under permit.

Andrew Larnach, who had ridden Mr Sox in a schooling session on Easter Sunday, claimed in a newspaper interview last weekend that Shally had told him later that day that the gelding would not be able to run at Piumpton 24 hours later because he had a cracked pelvis. Mr Sox ran in two subsequent races before the tragic contest at Southwell. Yesterday's Jockey Club

statement read: "In the light of an allegation that Mr Sox had recently suffered from a cracked pelvis and was therefore unfit to run in the race at Southwell on 19 July in which Richard Davis died, the Jockey Club has asked the horse's veterinary surgeon, Robin Kernohan, of the Chine House Veterinary Group, to make a de-finitive statement. Mr Kernohan said today: 'I have attended the gelding regularly over the last six months and the horse has never shown any sign

of a pelvic injury'." There was also a claim last weekend that Davis's departure to hospital was delayed as a result of Jockey Club regulations concerning the number of ambulances which must be present at a racecourse, but this too was

fiercely refuted yesterday. While unable to comment specifically on Davis's case until the inquest is complete. John Maxse, a Jockey Club spokesman, pointed out that its instructions do not require an ambulance to await a replacement before taking an injured jockey to hospital. There is no instruction from us saying that there have to be two ambulances on course at all times." Maxse said. "There is an instruction that says racing can only proceed when there are two ambulances on course, but to suggest that our rules prevented the ambulance leaving the course is totally incorrect.

"What happens on the course is that the jockey is attended to by the medical officer and at that moment a decision is made as to whether he should go straight to hospi-tal or whether an ambulance is brought in to transfer him. There have been several examples when a jockey has been rushed straight to hospital and racing has been delayed as a re-

In addition to the inquest, which is expected to return its verdict towards the end of next month, the Jockey Club is conducting its own inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Richard Davis. "The four people on that committee include Dr Michael Turner," Maxse said, "so if there are any medical lessons to be learned with regard to procedures they

McCoy signs off with hat-trick

Tony McCoy begins a six-day whip ban tomorrow and is determined "to give up getting suspensions - it's a bad habit," at Newton Abbot yesterday.

The champion jockey, stood down by the Galway stewards last week, signed off from action with an 88-1 hat-trick aboard Springfield Dancer, Wakt, and

Verde Luna around the Devon

"When I get back I'll be going flat out for a second championship," McCoy said.



Photograph: Phil Smith/Sporting Life racecourse debut at Newbury in April

Punters pour money on Dues

Confidence in the talents of Harbour Dues, the Ebor Hand-icap hot favourite, has turned ante-post betting on the big York race on 21 August into a one-horse book.

Ladbrokes yesterday report-ed further support for the Lady Herries-trained colt. "He's been backed to the virtual exclusion of everything else in the race," Ladbrokes spokesman Ian Wassell said. "Rumours that he is up to Group class, and

even a potential St Leger winner, seem to have spurred our customers to back him from 7-1 to 9-2 and dissuade them from backing anything to beat him."

Dues, 8-1 Beauchamp Jade, 10-1 Snow Princess, Clerkenwell, 12-1 Celeric, Top Cees, Ambassador, Private Song, Better Offer, 16-1 Monarch, Nabhaan, Desert Frolic, Foundry Lane, Corradini, 20-1 bar.

But a reminder of the perils of ante-post betting came yesterday with the latest bulletin on Nash House, a strong fancy at one time for this year's Derby. Peter Chapple-Hyam's colt was heavily backed for Epsom after winning a Newbury maiden in April by five lengths.

Nash House then finished only fourth in the Dante Stakes a hot race."

The firm bet: 9-2 Harbour at York in May. He was found to be suffering from a virus and

> Group Three Rose of Lancast er Stakes at Havdock on Saturday. Chapple-Hyam has earmarked the 10-furlong test

well he'll run at Haydock. He's

was pulled out of the Derby. Now he is set to return from a three-month lay-off in the

Caledonians, with accents more Sydney than Strathclyde. That is where their uncertainties lie, with doubts over the availability of two London as the comeback race for the son Broncos players - Terry Matterson, who missed Sunday's win of Nashwan. over Warrington with a calf strain, and Duncan McRae, The trainer said: "All being

well in himself and has been working very well. I would think the English Champion Stakes or the Arc could be on the agenda for him. But Saturday looks

more established, largely thanks to the pioneering efforts of the Dublin Blues, who have five players in the squad, with League.

who aggravated a foot injury in

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their pedigree. Like Scotland, they have a Scotland's effort against Ireland captain of undoubted quality in tonight is threatened by inthe Oldham scrum-half, Martin juries suffered by Australians Crompton, and there are inplaying in England; who says the ternational debuts - which some game is lacking in an internastudents of Great Britain's form tional dimension? over the last few years would The first international match argue are overdue - for the north of the border since 1911 Bradford Bulls pair of Bernard Dwyer and James Lowes. sees Scotland take on Ireland at Partick Thistle's Firhill Park.

International

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Rugby League

While talk of an annual

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premature, the fact that this will

not be the worst or least com-

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DAVE HADFIELD

Hull have launched a bid to be elevated into Super League for next season. The club, currently fourth on the First Division but with the prospect of finishing second to Salford, are claiming that they should be in the elite division in their own right, without merging with their neighbours. Hull KR.

runners-up place in the Emerg-

ing Nations World Cup to show

a mark of progress in both Huddersfield, who shelved The hosts will field a mixture their own bid for fast-tracking into Super League last month. of "genuine" Scots - like the Aberdeen dentist, Billy Gamba, have been rebuffed in their atand their captain, the Leeds full-back, Alan Tait - and adopted tempts to sign the Wigan captain. Shaun Edwards.

Warrington are having talks this week with their transfer-listed stand-off, lestyn Harris, about the circumstances behind him declaring himself unfit to play at London last Sunday.

Britain's amateur players will operate under the same rules as the professionals when their new season starts this month.

The amateur governing body, The code in Ireland is a little Barla, has voted to adopt the rule changes brought in by the Rugby League before the move to summer rugby and Super

2.00 TEAR WHITE (pap) 3.30 Prince Danzig (nb) 2.30 Uncle George 4.00 Tout De Vat 3.00 Truth 4.30 Creekir GOING: Pirm. STALLS: Inside, except 1m4f (outside).

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 51 to 67.

Left-hand, U-shaped course, undulating and sharp.

Course is east of town. Pollow signosts from town centre. Brighton rall station 1m (fast service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION: Club £12 (accompanied under-16s free); Tatiensalls £8; Silver Ring £4 (inc £4 per car).

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: E Hamon — 30 winners from 181 runners gives a success ratio of 10.0% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 542.42; Str Mark Prescott 17 winners, 57 runners, 23.8%, +517.18; B Mochan — 15 winners, 90 runners, 16.7%, -57.54; 27.900; C Beanstead – 5 winners, 13.3%, +52.36; E Flower — 7 winners, 32 runners, 21.9%, +22.900; C Beanstead – 5 winners, 15 runners, 23.%, +511.98.

■ LEADING JOCKETS: T Quinn — 46 wins, 231 rides, 19.9%, 50.11; Pat Eddery — 27 wins, 91 rides, 28.7%, +56.16; W Carson — 27 wins, 108 rides, 25.0%, +510.58; J Reid — 22 wins, 142 rides, 15.5%, +536.11; G Duffield — 20 wins, 101 rides, 19.8%, +£28.93; L Dettori — 17 wins, 71 rides, 23.9%, +50.36.

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DUD AFRICAN, who won a nursery in good style or Thirsk last Friday, making wirtually all, could add to David Evans' recent run of similar successes. The grey had earlier led throughout to strike form at Museelburgh, so he will be at home round this steep circuit. Teer Warter, another rappy type, was never headed when going in at Rippon last month and he ran Fredrik. The Flerce to a length at Goodwood last Thursday, Blasting Castle also has shown a useful turn of foot and made all at Beverley, storming home by three lengths after going clear at hallway, but that spankle was missing when severan (of 10) to Commercial at Leicesser. Stepens Flyer, the top weight here, firished a two-and-a-half-length fourth in the Leicester race, more than two lengths in front of Blazing Castle, who has a 5th pull. Seyers Flyer was a 33-1 chance when third to Tumbleweed Pearl at Thirsis on Saturday and there may not be much between him and Bill Turner's nurner. Gopl flopped when odds on and a four-length third to Nightingale Song in a seller at Windsor eight days ago.

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UNCLE GEORGE should not be short of times as this will be his third race since Fridey. Unplaced to Indian Rhapsody at Newmarket's evening meeting then, he turned out again the following day to thish a two-length numer-up behind hot taxounter Orbitan, who had sconed on Thursday, and had seen lengths to spere over the third. Another good nun by Uncle George was his not second to Blockede here eight days before the Newmarket effort. Disablided sleated up by seven lengths at 20-1 over the extended mile and a quarter at Warwick on Easter Monday. The Reprimiend filly, who was resisted for 4,000grs after lending a seven-furion seller here a year ago, ran well when fifth of 14 to Meg's Memory at Both in her race following Warwick but she has been unplaced in fifth or 14 to Meg's Memory at Both in her race following Warwick but she has been unplaced in fifth or 14 to Meg's Memory at Both in her race following Warwick but she has been unplaced in did not show at Folkestone on his most recent start but was little more than half a length admit of Volces in The Sig, a dual winner since, when fourth to Owthests at Both the time before that. How Coold-1, successful in a Nottinglann seller in June, was placed in her two preceding races, following with a second to Hawkisley Hill in a non-seller at the sense ourse. Her unplaced Redcar run was also in sev Hill in a non-seller at the same course. Her unplaced Radcar fun was also it

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•	3	145303	INDRY'S GRAD HERE (S) (D) (Dean Mary) K kery 9 0	Meetin Dwyer (5) 2 B
	4		TO THE WHIRE (192) (K Higgory & I. Moore 9 0	
	5		TRUTH (15) (D) (Cheveley Park Stud) Sr Mark Prescot 8 9	
•	6	000	PRINCESSE LYPHARD (12) (Major P E Stoner) M Polgase 7 10	N Carlista 4
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KINGS HARMONY, with his proven sitily to act round this sherp track, is fancied to lead the way home here. His course victory, over sit fusions, was gained in spring but he has mostly run well since, lest time finishing third to the much-improved Catch The Lights over this exica hurions at Sandown. That followed a second of 18 to Covero Cynnes at Windsor, besten threequariers of a length. Ordel Lad comes into the reckoning on his head defeat by Mybowite at Redcar three races ago. He might have been unsatted by the cut in the ground when one of the tavourites and bearing only one home against Sher Welcome at Cetterick and his most recent unplaced either was in the competitive sprint wan by Octobe Splandour at. York. Truth wound up last year with a Lingfield Equitrack success and atthough she has been unplaced in both outings this season she comes from a stable which is in fine form a the moment.

[3	3.30 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 198yds Penalty Value £3,496					
1	121613	CUNITON VENTURE (16) (CD) (BF) (Dr Fank S B Chec) S Woods 4 10 0W Woods 4				
2	135042	PRINCE DANCING (IRE) (8) (CD) (A K Ulnot) D Muney Small 596				
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4	006304	CHARLE DISCOVE (2) (7) Davison) R Homa 6 8 2				
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Charlie Bigtima. 1995: Carpathian 4 8 3 D Harrison 5-2 (Lord Huntingdon) 5 van

PRENCE DANZIG is a specialist on the Lingifield Equitack with five wins there but he has recorded three victories on this course, too, the first at a mide and a quarter in 1994 and the latest over this distance in May when half a length too good for Uncharatel Waters. He followed up with a third to Renown and General Mouldar here and, although a long way behind Caston Veoture in fourth of the at this track in his perutionate race, he was way behind his best that day and has an 8th put. He left that dult display behind when finding market leader Regsalk Jerneel less than a length too good here lest week with an eight-length gap back to the third and Charife Bigdisse, who is no better off, fourth of st. Canton Venture has had a tremendous season with six wire. A front rumber, he is ideally suited to this course and, atthough he found little in the closing stages lest time in finishing third to Kasifh Homm at Yarmouth, he will not be easy to best even with his 10st. Volces in The Sity escapes a penalty for Friday's Ascot success in an apprentices' event and her stable is in good form. Fabulious Mitoto won at Windsor in June and at Pontefract last month but lacks firshing pace. PRINCE DANZIG is a specialist on the Lingfield Equitrack with five wins there but he ha

4.00 GORING SELLING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 3f 196yds Penalty Value £2,070				
1	436-501	FLIGHT MASTER (19) Bits P Malent P Malen 4 10 0		
2	00/3522	SIESTA FINE RISAQ (B) (M A Long) C Pophern 6 9 6		
3		PRENOGATIVE (13) (The Secret Pagnersho) R Smoson 6 9 6		
4	350-000	HIGH FLOWN (USA) (6) (Mrs Ronne Hague) Ronald Thompson 4 8 7		
5	032015	ZELBA (LO) (D) (G Wilshire) Mrs N Maraulry 4 8 5		
6	064-000	EVER FRIENDS (99) (T.J. Dawson) R Hams 4.8.5		
7	030004	MOYBUG UP (RE) (12) (K Higson) G L Moore 3 8 5		
8	046036	EFFICACIOUS (RES) (12) FR Lambi C Bensteed 3 8 1P Robinson 5		
9	015045	COLOUR COUNSELLOR (12) (CD) (Mrs G M Temmerman) R Flower 3 7 13 D Bleets 2 B		
10	420-001	TOUT DE VAL (12) (CD) (K Bishop) K Bishop 7 7 12		
		- 10 declared -		

BETTIME: 3-1 Flight Master, 4-1 Stesta Time, 9-2 Yout do Val, 6-1 Zelibe, 7-1 Efficacious, 8-1 Mor ing Up, Colour Commellor, 20-1 others.

Flight Minister got home by a neck from SIESTA TIME over an extended mile and three at Bath last month but the runner-up, with a 5th advantage, has good prospects of evenging their defeat. That form wise boosted when third-placed Dunham source deasily at Lingfield on Sunday and Seets Time went on to finish second, by five lengths, to Shabanaz in a clasmer over a mile and a quarter here eight days ago. This longer top will be a help. Toute De Val

	4.30 BLACK ROCK LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f 209yds Penaity Value £2,381.						
1	031063	SHARP MP (5) (C) (D) (Mis 6 M Terrmemen) R Flower 6 9 6					
2		ASTRAL INVADER (IRE) (13) (M S Saunders) M Saunders 4 9 3					
3		BEST NEPT SECRET (12) (Tem Hill Communications) P Exans 5 9 3					
4	220425	ROCKY WATERS (USA) (13) (D) IP Coonest P Burgoyne 7 9 3					
5		SARRRULER (15) (Peter J Allen) Mrs L Jewell 4 9 0					
6		FLAGSTAFF (USA) (20) (BP) (C J Pennick) G L Moore 3 8 11					
7	245264	CREEKING (12) (Cheveley Park Stud) Sir Mark Presson 3 8 8					
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BETTENE: 11-4 Sharp losp, 3-1 Creeking, 4-1 Astral Israeloc, 5-1 Rocky Waters, 6-1 Best Kept Secrest, 7-1 Fingstaff, 25-1 Barbraffes. 1995: Resing Dough (RE) 3 9 0 S Whitevorth 7-4 (G L Moore) 2 ran

FORM GUIDE

ROCKY WATERS, with a 3lb advantage, should have the edge on Sharp Imp taking a line through Pearl Dawn, Sharp Imp, who likes this course but prefers six furiongs to this trip, accred his latest with here in June, defeating Pearl Dawn (set to give 20to) had a length. Rocky Waters was set to concide that mater 5lb when beatern two and a half lengths by her Rocky Wetters was set to concede that mane 5lb when beaten two and a half lengths by her over a mile here last month. Rocky Wetters has not won since 1994 but he has frished nuner-up these times this season and ran well last time in finishing fifth of 18 behind firstch-mester in a Sandown seler. Sharp imp taded in the closing stages when a four-and-a-half-length sixth (of 10) to Crystal Heights over course and distance on his penultimate outing. He followed with a third to Always Grace over stx here and might provide the most danger so long as he is held up for as long as possible. Creating halfs from a yerd that is in form but he was only fourth here last time behind General Glow in a week race and that was over three furlongs further.

Davies charges to her fourth major fabulous and to win this tour-

Laura Davies claimed her second major LPGA title of the year on Sunday when she fired a six-under 66 to break out of the pack and win the Du Maurier Classic in Edmonton,

by five strokes with another 1996 US Open. eight golfers between them, compiled seven birdies and one hunt for a second major. She bean 11-under-par 277. Karrie Webb of Australia,

who led after the first two rounds and trailed Mallon by one stroke after three, shot an even-par 72 to finish tied for second with Nancy Lopez on 279. Malion's putter deserted her on the front nine and she nev-

two-over 74 that left her alone in fourth, three strokes behind Davies.

nament is a dream come true for me. Davies won her second

LPGA Championship earlier this year to go with her 1994 crown and the 1987 US Open title. The year's other major winners on the LPGA tour were Patty Sheehan, who won the Di-The Briton, who went into the nah Shore, and Sweden's Annifinal round trailing Meg Mallon ka Sorenstam, who won the

Sorenstam was also in the Davies but failed to make up any ground on the leaders with a final-round one-over 73 that left her six strokes adrift.

The long-hitting Davies suffered her lone setback on the 6,324-yard Edmonton Country Club course with a bogey on the par-three 11th hole. Otherwise, er recovered, finishing with a she was nearly flawless. She holed out from the bunker for birdie on the third hole and was off and running. On the tough-"It was just one of those est hole of the course - the 17th days," said Davies, 32, after win- - she hit a six-iron off the tee, ning the fourth major of her ca-reer. "Winning a major is made birdie.

Chang breaks duck

Michael Chang finally triumphed in Los Angeles after his fourth appearance in the final, defeating the second-seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek, in straight sets on Sunday to claim the Infiniti Open title.

The American raced past the Wimbledon champion 6-4. 6-3 in 72 minutes, avenging his defeat in the 1993 final

"It feels great to win here," said Chang, who grew up in nearby Orange County. "I've spent a lot of years playing here and this place has always been special to me." This was the 26th title and third of the year for Chang, who now has a career-

high world ranking of three. Krajicek, twice winner of this event, was playing his first tournament since his Wimbledon Chang. Also crucial was the secwin, but with the exception of ond-serve percentage where his big serve, the Dutchman was Chang won 71 per cent of his never on top of his game this second serve points compared

Krajicek dropped his serve in the opening game and then again in the seventh. He managed to break back to 3-5 but Chang, using his remarkable speed to chase down everything, served out the set.
"The only moment I really

felt comfortable was when I broke him back in the the first set," Krajicek said. "He was the one who was dominating basically. I felt I wasn't moving too well and maybe I was a little surprised by his speed. He's a little quicker than the other

In the second set, Chang broke Krajicek to love for a 4-3 lead. He sealed the win with another break in the final game with a cross-court volley.

After piling up 71 aces over his first four matches, Krajicek hit just nine, only two more than to just 34 for Krajicek.

Scotland dominate

Bowls

Scotland, defending the triples title with a completely changed line-up of Margaret Letham, Betty Forsyth and Sarah Gourlay, emerged as the only unbeaten team after the six rounds of matches in the Women's World Championships

at Leamington Spa yesterday. The Scots battled to a 21-15 win over Swaziland to move top of section one after the previous leaders, South Africa, were edged out 16-17 by Fiji.

"It's a nice position to be in Scottish skip, Gourlay, said.

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Scotland also led the pairs table with Julie Forrest and Joyce Lindores beating Botswana's Babs Anderson and Helen Graham 15-13.

England moved into eighth place after Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw recovered to bear Guernsey's Jean and Anne Simon 18-14, with Shaw back in the line-up after pulling out on the previous day through sickness. The defending champions,

Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston of Ireland, stayed in contention when they coasted to a 33-7 win over Argentina's Maria Vasquez and Gladis Merand sets us up for our clash with li. They lie third in their table South Africa later today," the behind the unbeaten South Africans and Namibians.

RIPON 2.30: 1. SERENITY (K Failor) 100-30; 2. Intilidud 8-1; 3. Sigustrouge 25-1.11 mm. 4-7 fav Faringdor Future (4th), head. 1½, U Faringdom, Neumarted, Totae 25.00; 21.40. Farshaws, Neumarkett, Total £5.00; £1.40, £2.00, £4.30, DF: £13.70, CSP: £29.62, Text

299.60.
3.00.1. KABCAST (K Darley) 10-1; 2. Good To Tolk 12-1; 3. Young Ben 20-1; 4. Rother-field Park 3-1. 18 ran. 13-8 fav Pallmun, 14. nk. (D. Chapman, York). Tote: £15.60. cs. (23.10, £3.10, £7.80, £1.80, DF. £58.00. CSF: £135.64. Thrast: £2.299.94. Tho: L458.30 fpart won, pool of £419.85 carried toward to Catterck 2.45 today). There was not for the warner. no bid for the winner. 3.30: 1. GIVE ME A RENG (Deen McKe-

3.30: 1. GAVE ME A RUNS (Deen More-own) 11.4 (13x; 2. Kamari 11.4); fax; 3. Hatehid 3.1.8 ran. 14.3. (C Thornton, Mid-deham). Tota: £3.70; £1.60. £1.30, £1.30. DF: £6.30. CSF: £10.57. Tricast: £21.45. DF: £6.30. CSF: £10.57. Theset: £21.49.
4.00: 1. BOLLIN JOANNE (M BIRCH) 11.
12: 2. Titler 7.2 tot. 3. Ziegy 3 Dencer 1013: 4. Perryston View 8-1. 18 ran. 19. 19.
(1 Broth, Matton). Take: £12.60; £2.40.
£1.07. £1.80. £2.60. DF: £27.00. CSF:
£53.63. Increst £412.03. Tho: £171.30. NonRunner: Satormato.

4.30: 1. COURSE FISHENG (G Corter) 16-1: 2. Floating Line 7-2 ft fav; 3. Cambridge 4.30: 1. COURSE FISHENG (G Certer) 16-1: 2. Floating Line 7-2 ft Eav, 3. Cembrian Rhepsody 14-1. 15 reas. 7-2 ft Eav Heavish (5in) 2. 14. (B McMahon, Tarrworth). Tote: £19.30: £6.50, £1.90. £5.10., DF: 128.40. CSF £76.13. Threat: £789.24. Tric: £511.20 (part won, pool of £439.24 carried forward to Carterick 2.45 totay).

forward to Catterick 2.45 todays.
5.00: I. ALTANBIRA (6 Hnd) evens fav.
2. Raise A Prince 10-1: 3. Forest Robin
11-8. 8 ran. 10, 2%. U Gosden, Newmonkell, Tete: £2.10: £1.10, £2.70, £1.10,
DF: £8.50. CSF. £11.22. Tric. £5.10, Non
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RACING RESULTS Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,327,28 carried forward to Catteriok today).
Placepot: £143.10. Quadpot: £6.70.
Place 8: £84.59. Place 5: £20.77

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2.15: 1. MEDRAPHRA (D Bridgester) 11-8 fav. 2. Akrospe 10-1; 3. Night Time 2-1.8 ran. %, 8. (M Pice, Weitrigson). Totar: 22-10; 11.10; 22-80; 5.1.10. Dual Forester: £13.90. CSP: £15.00. Winner bought in for 7,000 grs. 2.45: 1. SPRINGETELD DANCER (A P McCogl 9-2; 2. Colestial Fire 11-1; 3. Beam Me Up Scotity 5-1. 6 ran. 6-4 fav The Block Mork (440), 18, 1%, 19 Hobbe. Afrachesd). Totar £5.20; £2.50, £4.50. DP: £11.20. CSP: £41.10.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Moneghetti (Catterick 2.45) NB: Oriel Lad (Brighton 3.00)

3.15: 1. WART (A P McCoy) 11-4; 2. Southerty Gain evens far; 3. Duice of Lancaster 9-2, 5 pm. 11, dist. (J White, Wendowr), Tota: £3.80; £1.30, £1.40, DF; £2.70.

CSF: £5.84, 3.45; 1. VERDE LUNA (A P McCoy) 10-3; 2. Missed The Boat 3-1 jr law; 3. Same Diamons 8-1. 8 nan. 3-1 jr law Mr Snagde (5th) 4, 1%. (D Abbuthet, Compton). Total £4.70; £1.70, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £3.75. Incast: £68.24. £13.75. Incast: £06.24. 4.15: 1. KINDERCARTEN BOY (T.) Nar-shyl 6-1; 2. Southern Ridge 25-1; 3. Nat-iny 11-2.6 ras. 11-10 in Denomination (5th). 8, 1%. (K. Baiey, Upper Lambourn). Totas: £9.20: £3.00, £8.10. Df: £65.10. CSF:

E9.20: 15.00, E8.81. 4.45: 1. MANAMOUR (C Liewellyn) 11-4; 2. Nobledy 9-4 iov; 3. Flying Zhad 5-1. 7 cm., 3%, %. (R Lee, Presidigne). Tote: £3.40; £1.90. £1.50. Dual Forecast: £4.60. CSP.

£1.90, £1.90. SASK (D Bridgester) 2.7 fav; 5.15: 1. KABASH (D Bridgester) 2.7 fav; 2. Red Yel 6-1: 3. Kathariser's Soog 50-1. 7 ran. 8, 6, M Ppo, Wellington). Toke: £1.50; £1.10, £2.50. Dual Forecast: £2.70. GSF: £3.25. Non Rumer: Heading North. Piacepot: £584.50. Quadpot: £57.90. Place &: £203.53. Place 5: £158.49.

BRIGHTON

5.85: 1. TALATHATH (10 Human) 6-4 fee;
2. Fort Knex 5-2; 3. Hang A Right 25-1.5
ren. 2; hd. (C Deeper), Tothe: £2.00; £1.10,
ren. 2; hd. (C Deeper), Tothe:

(H Thomson Jores). Total: £4.40; £2.10, £3.70. DF: £17.90, CSF: £26.13. 8.55: 1. GENERAL GLOW (J F Egor) 11-2; 2. Queen Bee 9-1; 3. Arcady 100-30. 6 rat, 13, ½, (P Evers). Total: £8.00; £2.90, £3.10. DF: £32.00. CSF: £40.77.

CARLISLE 6.10: 1. PRIZEFIGHTER (0 Peacs) 11-8 fev; 2. Euro Sceptic 8-1; 3. Genericus Present 5-2. 6 mm. nk, 6. (1 L Sye). Toke: £2.80; £1.50, £3.80. Dual Forecest: £12.20. CSP: £11.39.
6.40: 1. MILLETRIAN CITY (1 Carval) 4-1; 2. Cillecter Cito 13-8 fev; 3. La Finale 2-1.5 mm, 5. 3%. (1 Berryl, Toke: £4.20: £2.80.

o. New 2. MILE HOUSE (M.T.) (2004) 4-1; C. Clincher Clob 12-8 fev; S. La Flunde 2-1. San. 5, 34. (J Berry), Totar 54-20; £2-80, £1_10, DF; £3.80. CSF; £10.38. Non Runner: Forecest.
7.10: 1. CEE. JAY-AY (P Roberts) 9-1; 2.
7.10: 9-1; 3. Diamond Grown 33-1.13
ran. 9-4 fav The Barnsley Belle (501). 1½,
3½. U Berry). Tota: 55.30; 52.00, 51.40,
55.10. DF: £13.30. CSF: £41.91. The: £129.00. After a stewards' inquiry, the result

English raiders Hagwah and Lord Jim took the two Listed Races at Leopardstown yesterday, both profiting from front-running tactics in the hands of Willie Ryan and David Harrison respectively. Dropped in class for the Brownstown Stud Stakes after running fifth to Dance Design at the Curragh, Hagwah defied top weight to run out a 6-1 winner of the mile Listed event for Newmarket trainer Ben Hanbury. A winner at Listed level at Newmarket last season, Hagwah "has taken time to come to herself this year", according to Hanbury's ravelling head lad Grant Deane. "She loved the bit of give in the ground today, as it was very fast at the Curragh when she last ran in Ireland. Her best form is when bowling along in front," Dean added. Willie Ryan, realising nobody was keen to go on, soon took

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in piaces). STALLS: Inside, except 6f (outside), DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5£.

BIJNEERED FIRST TIME: China Hand (4.46), Clover Girl & Distant Storm (both visored, 2.15), MRI House Boy (visored, 4.15),

277 miles by E Hodges from Charlton Adam, Somerset; Petartree House (3.15) & Windy Bogs (3.45) see: 235 miles by B Hills from Lumbourn, Berkstire; Nard Lys (2.45) sert 234 miles by B Llewellyn from Bargoed, Mid Glamonyan.

2.15 'BEVERLEY WESTWOOD' SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 1m 7f 177yds

- 6 declared -BETHIG: 5-4 Functions Womber, 7-4 Rinty Rose, 4-1 Distant Summ, 6-1 Clair Ellin, 33-1 Clover Girl, Thompions House.

2.45 DONCASTER TOWN MOOR' HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 7f 9 1300-00 COBONA GOLD (10) (D) J Resource (J) 10 10 COBONA GOLD (10) (D) J Resource (R) 10 00-0025 PRESENTANTE (Z) B Elever 4.8 3 J Tales 18 11 -0.6 NINIZIO (ESEN) (Z) G Colony 4.8 8 J Lever 3 12 50000 CEDNIK (SIR), (Z2) R Hodges 4.8 4 America Sanders (S) 1 13 0-4024 HOT DOGRAMS (ZS) Min P Sy 3 7 13 Date Glavor 15 14 310-350 MONESHETE (SS) (D) (SF) R Hollesteed 5 7 12

2.15 Risky Rose 2.45 Moneghetti 3.15 Lucky Oakwood 3.45 Sharp Sensation 4.15 Pharly Dancer 4.45 The institute Boy

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LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Cedar Girl (2.45) has been sent

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000-0006 PUNCE (45) (0) N Trikes 4 8 12 ... L Carrell 6 8 - 9 declared -BETING: 11-4 Spinning House, 3-1 Shrartain Holght, 7-2 Toolston Ludy, 4-1 Windyadge, 8-1 Sudden Spin, 8-1 Sharp Sevention, 20-1 Co-Co-Pow-4-1 Windyedge, 6-1 Sudt er-Ranger, 33-1 others. 4.15 WETHERBY STEEPLECHASES' CLARAING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 3f 214yds

3.15 PONTEFRACT PARK CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO 7f

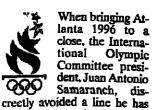
3.45 REDCAR, RIPON & THERSK' HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 5f 175yds

4.45 YORK KNA/ESMIRE' HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

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Ideals left behind in the Atlanta gold rush *



grown accustomed to delivering. Not since the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville went close to be an operational disaster would the words "best ever" have sounded less appropriate.

In describing the Games as "exceptional" Samaranch put a curse on Atlanta's effort. Records were set, most thrillingly by Michael Johnson and Donovan Bailey; packed venues, greater numbers of athletes and spectators than ever before; Southern hospitality;

But despite the relentlessly upbeat claims of its president, Billy Payne - "the success of these Games is how the athletes and the community feel about them" - the Atlanta organising committee was not up to staging an event that has ballooned to ludicrous proportions.

Everything becomes clearer in hindsight, but Atlantz will go down in the history of the Summer Games as a city that failed to produce an enlightened strat-egy. The city of Coca-Cola, CNN and baseball's world champion Braves, claiming to be the new gateway of US commerce, simply was not big enough or experienced enough.

Payne bristled at criticism from IOC members and the media. However, it was soon obvious that a warning issued last year - "it informed by event consultants had fallen on deaf ears.

Traffic ground to a standstill; athletes and around 5.000 media representatives raged at mounting difficulties in transportation; information services broke down causing the giant IBM corporation acute embarrassment. The inevitable com-parisons with Barcelona in 1992 and Seoul four years earlier

were constantly damning. In one important respect Payne got away with it. Having persuaded the IOC to accept an average July temperature in Atlanta of 78F he was blessed with cooler conditions than he and many competitors feared. The threat of dehydration did not materialise.

The Summer Games leads normally sensible people to suspend conservative thinking



Ken Jones, at his last Olympics, blames the IOC for logistical failures at a ludicrously bloated Games

raising of facilities they can hardly afford.

Barcelona's triumph stemmed partly from municipal input that enabled the construction of a strategic highway that left the city's historic centre untouched. Campaigning on a "good for business ticket", Acog instead sought and gained the support of local corporate entrepreneurs. As one stern critic put it, what resulted was gold rush-fever. Prices soared in a glut of

profiteering a giant Coca-Cola bottle symbolised rampant

on infrastructure and allow the commercialism; streets within the city's Olympic circle, created partly by the bulldozing of a black neighbourhood, were given a county-fair atmosphere by tatty vending outlets. Then came the crude bomb placed in Centennial Park that left Atlanta horror struck, taking the life of a woman

and injuring many others.

What has to be addressed is the IOC's role in all this. In allowing the Games to become cluttered with sports that would, more, or less, pass unnoticed in normal circumstances it has cheapened the Olympic ethos.

termined the IOC is to stamp out chemically assisted performance. At a press conference strength could also be detectheld in London shortly before ed," he said. the Games, Samaranch declared himself in ignorance of an underground pamphlet set-ting out infallible masking pro-

cedures that was available to

athletes in Barcelona. Rumours of a "big catch" in Atlanta came to nothing but as Charles E Yesalis, who is professor of health and human development at Pennsylvania University, told the New York Times, expenditure of \$2m (£1.3m) on drug detection announced by the IOC earlier this year is a small commitment from an organisation that runs a billion-dollar business. "If

Neither do we know how de- more on research, so that substances like human growth hormone [used to augment

According to Yesalis, new hitech testing equipment is worthless in many cases. Synthetic testosterone, he says, can be delivered via barely detectable creams and skin patches.

Creatine, which replenishes energy stores in muscles, is not even banned because it is found in food, but to equal the usual dose an athlete would have to eat 20 pounds of meat daily. "If the IOC can't do better than this, all we will see is another failed solution," Yesalis added.

On one point at least everyone can agree. Atlanta was not without thrills. Johnson's unique double with a world record in the the IOC is serious about the 200 metres. Carl Lewis's re- note to go out on. problem, it would spend much

markable Olympic career end-ed with a fourth consecutive gold in the long jump. An athlete beyond comparison in his spheres.

A few hours before the clos-ing ceremony, Johnson and the Olympic decathlon champion. Dan O'Brien visited Muhammad Ali at a hotel in Atlanta. The sight of a sadly stricken Ali trembling as he ignited the Olympic flame two weeks ago troubled some of us deeply. A symbol of sporting greatness

O'Brien's eyes were filled with admiration for the man who was his boyhood hero. Ali spoke just one word. "Age," he mumbled. Life's reality.

Personally speaking, Atlanta was my last Olympics. All things considered, in the context of past experiences, it was a burn

Time to invest for success

Mike Rowbottom, in Atlanta, asks what the future holds for British athletics

The French sports paper to have created a spiral of suc-L'Equipe carried a cartoon last week featuring the massive Akabus's surprise 400m burdles week featuring the massive form of David Douillet, the heavyweight judo player who earned France's first gold of the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Douillet's huge head and shoulders served as a base for other French medallists to stand on; the words underneath read: "When the podium is so solid..." France's startling success at the Games - on the first weekend alone they earned nine medals. as many as their total at the 1976 Olympics – involved a number of factors.

French athletes receive direct government funding -0.19 per cent of the national budget and have access to a Central Institute of Sport in Paris as well as Centres of Excellence scattered around the country and a high-altitude centre at Font Romeu, in the Pyrenees.

Top performers also receive a performance-related subsidy designed to prevent them overompeting, which adds an edge when major championships come round. But those who have followed France's fortunes over the years give a Gallic shrug when asked to identify the main reason why there have been so many medals for them in Atlanta.

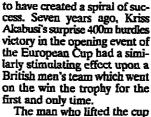
That intangible, the Douillet factor in France's case, appears

victory in the opening event of the European Cup had a similarly stimulating effect upon a British men's team which went on the win the trophy for the

The man who lifted the cup at Gateshead, Linford Christie, has performed a similarly inspiring function at a succession of major championships since then, albeit that his wins became expected rather than hoped for. Christie's ill-starred performances here left the British searching elsewhere for inspiration. Those to whom they

would have looked in recent vears - Sally Gunnell, Colin Jackson - were undermined by injury. There was no Douillet podium on to which others Christie has said for several

comes down, it gives the little trees around it more light, and Britain's up-and-coming sprinters are likely to grow in stature. But when it comes to occasions such as the Olympics, that light will become the glare of expectation that Christie has had to operate in for most of his career.



years that he will only be truly appreciated when he is gone. In terms of international championship competition, that is now the situation. When the big tree

The task facing Britain's young sprinters, such as Ian Mackie, who was prevented from contesting the 100m semi-finals because of a hamstring injury, Darren Campbell, Jason Gardener and the junior talent Dwayne Chambers is daunting. They have a big gap to make up before they reach the top level, but Britain's chief coach, Malcolm Arnold, be lieves it can be done.

"We have a good crop of young sprinters," he said. "Ian Mackie has a big future, as does Darren Campbell if he can be persuaded to concentrate on training this winter rather than playing football. He has run 10.17sec after starting his proper training in February."

The situation in the 400 metres is different in that a new generation of talent has already made the transition from promise to achievement. Three of the four silver medallists in the relay, Iwan Thomas, Jamie Baulch and Mark Richardson, are in their early twenties, with potential for further improve-

And there are others: David Grindley, the former British record holder, is 24 and is due a run of good fortune after injuries; Mark Hylton, Richardson's training partner who ran in the first round of the relay, does not turn 20 until next month. Angela Thorp, the 23year-old Yorkshire athlete, is another for whom further good things appear to be in store after her performance here in beating Gunnell's eight-year-old 100m hurdles record. Although Thorp is still some distance from the peak of her event, she could take some significant steps between now and the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

If things work out according to plan, she could be joined there by the junior high hurdler Natasha Danvers, who will compete at the World Junior Championships in Sydney later this month before taking up an athletics scholarship at the University of California.

Others who have competed here can look towards Sydney

with growing confidence. At 23, Nick Buckfield is still improving in the pole vault. At the same age, the high jumper Steve Smith already has a collection of major medals, including the bronze from Atlanta, and he is likely to be

even stronger four years hence. Kelly Holmes, whose medal ambitions were crucially hampered by a hairline fracture in her leg, has the talent and attitude at 26 to come back to more profitable effect in the 800 and 1500 metres. At 27, Steve Backley, too,

looks as if he will continue to win javelin medals at the highest level for many years to come following his silver here

Links in the chain: Britain's Roger Black (centre) prepares to receive the baton in the men's 4x400m Olympic final from Mark Richardson (far left) after a remarkably swift recovery from an operation on his

Achilles tendon. Jonathan Edwards, Britain's sole world champion, can retain his triple jump title in Athens next year with a little fine tuning. Frustratingly, Edwards failed to sort out his technique for most of the final, invalidating two huge efforts because his foot had impinged the Plasticine marking the take-off board. But if he feels happy to continue - and there were times this season when that did not appear to

ity he needs. With a little more luck - especially with the timing of injuries - Britain's athletes might pay for it."

be the case - he has all the abil-

Photograph: David Ashdown have come out of these Games with a golden rather than a silver litting. But if the relative lack

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Matters need to be attended to in earnest, however, the new financial year for the British Athletic Federation begins on October 1, and Arnold has no idea at present of what kind of budget he will be op-

erating with. "The Government simply has to decide whether it wants excellence or not," Arnold said. "If it does, it is going to have to

THE REAL WINNERS AND LOSERS AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

They do not spring readily to mind Bahamas. Yet the fact that these micro-nations, one in the Pacific, the other in the Caribbean, managed to win medals at all, when much larger states failed completely, shows what

Sport is a great international leveller, though you would never know it to hear the trumpeting of the big boys at Atlanta. The US won more medals than any other state - but it is larger than

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3 Cuba

5 Jamaica

6 Hungary

8 Ireland

7 Austrelia

9 Denmark

10 Slovakia

11 Norway

12 Bulgaria

14 Namibia

16 Greece

18 Belarus

19 Sweden

20 Slovenia

21 Finland

22 Romania

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most other states. Size is not everything and, to compile our list of winners and losers, we have tried to take that into account. We have first calculated a score for each country - four points for gold, two for silver and one for bronze. Then we divided that score by the size of the country. So, at one end of the scale, Tonga won a point for every 50,000 Tongans; at the other. Britain won a point for every two million, and mighty China scored one

for every 10 million. That puts the US victory in context.

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Population GOLD SILVER BRONZE Total

(millions) (4pts) (2pts)

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Britain's performance in context it scored worse than any other EU state apart from Luxembourg (pop. 400,000), which won no medals.

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Once past Tonga and the Bahamas, the real success stories emerge - and again they are in the Caribbean and Pacific. Cuba managed a total of 25 medals: Jamaica, its nearest neighbour, also did spectacularly well for its size. Both Australia and New Zealand did much better than the

straightforward medal rankings would It did well, but no better than its size would suggest. But it also puts suggest. From eastern Europe, Hungary, Slovakia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic were all high scorers. Northern Europe also did well - all of the Scandinavians are in the too 20. Ireland's success is also highlighted, placing it at No 8. Only four African nations make it to the top 50: Nam-

ibia. Burundi, Kenya and South Africa. If we even out the scales further by adding in the wealth of each country - money helps to win gold - then the dominance of Cuba is more obvious.

This time, we have divided the annual economic output of each nation by its point score. Cuba's GDP is a hard figure to calculate, but it seems clear that it has outperformed its much richer (and larger) neighbour to the north. Jamaica, too, shows its form. The East European nations come through much more strongly as the real champions. but it is the expanding nations of Asia which disappoint. Even when size and income are taken into consideration, they are well down the table

Andrew Marshall, Foreign Editor

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MICHAEL AUSTIN reports from Leicester Leics 442 & 298-7 dec Northants 445 & 212-5 Match drawn

Playing the percentages was Leicestershire's game yesterday, flouting the thought of 16 points for victory with the fail-safe three for the draw. They now head the Championship table by that margin over Yorkshire, who have played an extra game.

In most years during early August in the old 24-match programme, the advantage would have been tenuous, but with only six games remaining, the psychology of reaching the top means much for Leicester-

What may have been construed as the reason for their batting on after lunch in order to allow Darren Maddy, on 99, a first Championship hundred was misguided. It did have a tactical base. Northamptonshire were eventually challenged to score 296 from what became 59

ished batting higher in the order in the absence of Rob Bailey, Russell Warren, Richard Montgomerie and David Sales.

Curran reached 50 from 66 balls, with nine fours and a six. despite Adrian Pierson taking 4 for 49. Maddy, Leicesterborn, was still the central figure of the day. A first Championship hundred is always something to savour no matter the circumstances. It was Boycottesque, but greeted by doffing his helmet and raising his arms whether it was in his side's overall best interest remains in the confines of the dressing-

It took Maddy 16 balls after lunch to achieve his personal landmark and, even when he did so. Leicestershire did not declare, which suggested that they would have batted on anyway.

James Whitaker, the injured captain, whose responsibilities had passed for this match to Phil Simmons, made a few points.
"We wanted to set a big score and get men around the bat to sturise them. However, I was disappointed by our scoring tempo before hunch."
The 22-year-old Maddy,

Kevin Curran, with his third half-century in as many innings over the weekend, again rel-

Bevan's quandary

The weather forecast could decide whether Yorkshire pick Michael Bevan for their NatWest Trophy semi-final against Lancashire at Old Trafford on 13 August.

The left-hander has to fly home at 10.30pm on the same day to join a training camp in preparation for Australia's short tour of Sri Lanka, which may not go ahead because of the politi-

Yorkshire's request for a 24-hour reprieve has been turned down. Essex, who play Surrey at The Oval in other semi-final, are in

the same position with their own prolific batsman, Stuart Law. Yorkshire's cricket chairman Bob Platt said: "Much will depend on the weather. If it is a good day with an encouraging forecast, Bevan will play. We will, however, have two players Oxford University last summer - from 298 balls, with seven fours, in almost six hours.

"It will do Darren a power of good breaking the barrier," Whitaker said. "His confidence will grow." With Ian Sutcliffe, the Oxford University batsman and a Leicestershire newcomer last season, now available, Maddy needed runs to keep his

Aftab Habib's position is under pressure after his two batting failures in this match, which foreshadows three games at Grace Road and a magical mystery tour of potential variable weather conditions to Swansea on Thursday, Trent Bridge and finally Chester-le-Street in deep

A curious morning provided only 38 runs for Maddy, to-gether with two wickets, both run out, for which the subsequent centurion could take much responsibility. In two moments of mid-summer Maddyness, he sent back Paul Nixon. who was instantly defeated by a Curtly Ambrose throw, and then collided with Ben Smith, who succumbed to Tim Walton's

Whether Smith should have taken an angry swish with his bat at a pigeon as he left the middle was more of a case for the RSPCA than the TCCB. It was a needless expression of annoyance even though he admitted he had been suffering from a migraine earlier in the

The thought that Leicestershire could afford to lose against the next-to-bottom team was confined to last year's scoring values. With new regulations of three points for a draw, the Championship has taken on a different idiom, but Northamptonshire scored a moral victory with 11 points overall to Leicestershire's nine.

Gibson fires Glamorgan

Round-up

Nottinghamshire's poor season in the Championship continued as West Indian all-rounder Ottis Gioson teamed arm spinner Neil Kendrick to see Glamorgan to a comfortable eight-wicket victory at Worksop vesterday.

Gibson and the former Surrey player Kendrick instigated a dramatic Nottinghamshire batting collapse as they lost five wickets for nine runs in the space of 75 balls. At 232 for 5 at lunch, Nottinghamshire were 114 ahead and in a position to set the Welsh county a stiff run chase. But Chris Cairns' dismissal to the first ball after the innings for 19 not out while the ger in the first innings, was interval started the rot and rest blazed away to reach the named man of the match.

James was dismissed without still causing concern. Pakistan's progress to a sevenwicket win against Durham at Chester-le-street.

The tourists took Durham's surviving three wickets for 39 runs this morning with skipper Wasim Akram claiming two of them to finish with 4 for 19 in 18.4 overs. Needing 134 to win, Pakistan sent in Asif Mujtaba to open and he batted through the innings for 19 not out while the ger in the first innings, was

Nottinghamshire slumped to target in 25.3 overs. The lefthander Mujtaba could now be Left with a target of 124 to in line for a place in the second win, Glamorgan suffered few Test at Headingley on Thursday problems, even though Steve as Aamir Sohail's hand injury is

the England discard Simon John Wood no-ball on to his Brown, giving him match figures stumps before he had scored but of 7 for 107, failed to disturb made 36 off 38 balls before being given out caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper David Ligertwood.

Brown's second victim was Ijaz Ahmed, lbw for 12, but Inzamam-ul-Haq then struck 34 off 27 balls before leaving Salim Malik to complete the task.

The Durham skipper, Mike Roseberry, who made 93 not out



Carl Hooper is flow to Alamgir Sheriyar at Canterbury yesterday Photograph: Adam Scott ficials from Ireland, Scotland and resolved.

SPORTING DIGEST

Nicorette romps home in the maxis

Sailing

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Cowes

The big boys were sent well away from the main action to play a version of the 1851 course around the Isle of Wight won so famously by the Americans. The maxis, led again by the Grand Mistral 80 Nicorette. romped the 55 miles in the opposite direction to the annual Round the Island race on a secand glorious day of racing in Skandia Life Cowes Week.

Without Harold Cudmore taking a day off from his crew line-up, skipper Ludde Ingvall managed to take Nicorette through the finish line 36 minutes ahead of Mike Slade's 84ft Longabarda, the boat which recently broke the conventional race record.

But she was still 4min and 13sec outside the record of 5hr 12min and 3sec set by Slade on 29 June going anti-clockwise. Yesterday's south-easterly breeze, which again varied between 17 and 22 knots, was not the ideal direction and the yachts were hard on the wind on the final leg up from the Needles to the finish, but it provided fine sport for the day racing boats. Mike Lennon, the national class champion, scored a second consecutive victory in the Melges 24s, despite having to go back

and restart, having been already

over the line when the gun at the

Squadron sounded. The 32

land shore to do a series for beats and runs along the shore between Lee-on-Solent and the entrance to Southampton water.

That was some recovery. said David Bedford, still leading in Glenfiddich 1 after being fourth yesterday. "He was blisteringly fast downwind, really special." While in the Sportsboat class a crew member of the Beneteau First Class 8 DV8. skippered by Gary Sims, was taken to hospital with rib damage after the boat was in a collision with a motor yacht in Osborne Bay. He was later dis-

charged. Another man went overboard when the Sigma 33, Eph-esian 111, broached violently. He was picked up by Charlie Mills Shoot The Bar and put back on board his own boat by the inshore

Once again it was the Australian-designed 41-footers that were fighting for the silvertaking his turn to drive Stephen Bailey's Arbitrator to victory and the Sir Walter Preston Challenge Cup, pipping the winner of the day before, Jo-celyn Waller's Silk 2. Third was Glyn Williams' Wolf.

And it was a pair of Bashford-Howison 36s that took the two top places in Class 2 when Keith Lawrence's Playback, with Stuart Childerly on board again following their first in class at the Rover Series in Scotland earlier this year, beat Christopher Jago's Thunder, with a Corby 36.

Jamie McWilliam's Mustang yachts were sent up to the main- Sally, taking third.

England to learn Championship fate

Rugby Union

The latest in a long line of meetngs is likely to establish the status of England within the Five Nations' Championship. Their European partners met yesterday to discuss the Rugby Footproposals in the long-running row that has led to England being thrown out of the championship because of their separate television contract with BSkyB.

England hope their partners will come back to them today with an invitation to attend yet another meeting later this week, at which a solution to the disoute might be thrashed out. The last meeting of the Five

Nations - in Cardiff two weeks ago - ended in stalemate and of-

Wales have made it clear they will not waste more time if England do not back down on the Sky deal. However, it is believed that when the RFU executive committee met last week. there was a significant shift in opinion, raising hopes of saving the 84-year-old competition.

union career yesterday by signing a four-year contract with Bedford of the Second Division Offiah, 29, who has led rugby league's try-scoring charts in six of his nine seasons in the game, will play out the rest of the Super League season with the London Broncos and then play for Bedford in their opening

League game against Notting-

ham on 7 September. A decision on who has first claim on the winger when the seasons coincide has yet to be

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance County Championship

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Bowling: Wathin 11-3-23-1; Glason 28-3-7-67-3; Croft 35-8-92-3; Kendnck 13-5-31-3; Buscher 3-0-18-0. LAN - Second Innings Total (for 2, 39.3 overs).

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Kent v Worcestershire CANTERBURY: Worcestershire (24pts) Kent (6) by 192 runs. Morcesters/life won toss WORCESTERSHIRE - F WORCESTERSHIRE - First limitings 459 for 9 dec (G A Hick 148, S R Lampita 88, K R Spiring 71, S J Rhodes 68). KENT - First Innings 366 (C L Hooper 76, M J Walker 57; S R Lamptit 4-92).

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Rugby League INTERMATIONAL MATCH: Sociard virginia (7.30) (at Partick Trisito FQ).

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The number of FA Charity Shield games to have been played at Wembley Stadium prior to Sunday's match between Manchester United and Newcastle United, United will be making their seventh appearance in the Charity Shield at Wembley having won it twice, in 1993 and 1994, while Newcastle will be making their first appearance.

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Play INDEPENDENT FANTASY FOOTBALL

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Spectacular capitulation by Kent

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Canterbury Worcs 459-9 dec & 207-6 Kent 366 & 108-9 Worcs won by 192 runs

The party mood had already disappeared after a demoralising Sunday League defeat, but, for the benefit of those who missed that poor show, Kent's batsmen obliged with a re-run, which if They were without their in-

jured England all-rounder,

for at least the next two matches with a pulled rib muscle, as well as their stand-in captain, Steve

Even so, to surrender their Championship record in such a fashion was abysmal. A pre-lunch collapse when five wickets went down for 35 runs in 57 balls was followed by an early afternoon capitulation and all this when, with 84 overs remaining, they had been set what appeared to anything was more spectacular. be a generous target of 301. They never got off the oche, let

yesterday than they had the day before, but Daryl Foster, the Kent coach, was stoical. "The batting was no better today," he admitted. "It was frenetic and lacking concentration. But it's not the end of the world. It's just a blip. We still have everything

in the mid-morning calm before Worcestershire stormed all over them, it was announced that the Kent players were going to be sponsored by up to individuals for every run scored and wicket taken, the proceeds going towards Kent

the building of a holiday home in Canterbury. With the way things turned out, there could be a long wait for those children.

Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, must have had a premonition when he called off Steven Rhodes and Stuart Lampitt after they had tormented the Kent attack for a further 40 minutes in the morning to take their seventh wicket

partnership to 76. At no point did the pair, who had piled on 159 together first time around, look in any trouble on a pitch that had grown

Kids Miles of Smiles appeal, for more unpredictable over the

But the Kent bowlers, perhaps hampered with an old ball, were unable to exploit the occasional lifter and the odd shooter. Worcestershire's bowlers, notably the left-arm seamer Alamgir Sheriyar, had no problem, although if they had, you were left with the impression that one or two of the Kent batsmen would have

elped them. Sheriyar did not spark the fall though. That came because of temptation, David Fulton called

Matthew Walker did not quite see things the same way and stood his ground, sending back his partner. Fulton turned frantically but Curtis's throw beat

him comfortably. Two balls later Walker pesented Fulton with an earlier than expected opportunity to discuss the run-out when Moody tempted him into chasing a wider ball which resulted in a catch behind. Then it was Sheriyar's turn.

In the space of 15 balls he excised the heart of the Kent innings, sending back Kent's

Trevor Ward, and all at a cost of just four runs. He finished with 4 for 58.

Matthew Fleming flowered briefly, but all the while he is in bloom he is not putting down any roots, and when Sheriyar got one that appeared to stop on him he was only able to chip it tamely to Curtis. Lampitt brought a merciful end to the proceedings with the last three wickets in a little more than two

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Nicorette in maxi class of own as the big boats battle it out during Cowes Week



Olympic athletes face ban

Drugs in sport

A Bulgarian triple jumper and a Russian hurdler yesterday became the first athletes to be caught using steroids at the Atlanta Olympic Games and face four-year bans.

The International Olympic Committee said Iva Prandzheva and Natalva Shekodanova tested positive for banned performance-enhancing drugs. The International Olympic Committee director general. François Carrard, said Prandzheva, fourth in the women's triple jump, test-ed positive for metadienone and had been disqualified.

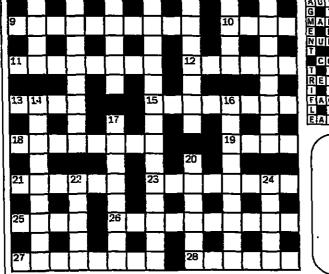
Prandzheva was a silver medallist at the 1995 world outdoor and indoor championships and gold medallist at the European indoor champiouships earlier this year.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC medical commission, said Shekodanova tested positive for stanozolol. De Merode said the analysis of Shekodanova's second samole had still to be confirmed but if positive, her seventh-place finsh in the women's 100 metres hurdles will be thrown out.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport expanded upon their decision to reinstate four Russian competitors who had used bromantan: "It was not proven that bromantan is a stimulant to a standard sufficient to justify a sanction as severe as the withdrawal of medals from the athletes. Accordingly, they granted the ath-letes the benefit of the doubt."

Nick Gillingham, the British bronze medal as a result of this decision, spoke of taking the matter to court. "I am very bitter and very, very sad that it has happened in the last race of my career," he said. "In some ways, I guess you could say I am pleased to be retiring at this stage if this is what the sport is coming to."

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Wednesday reject Lombardo's demands

Football PHIL SHAW

On the day it was estimated that Alan Shearer would carn more than £6 per second of competitive action in the new season. Sheffield Wednesday took a stand against the "crazy money" being sought by some players when they pulled out of a £3.7m deal for the Italian international Attilio Lombardo.

Wednesday, whose record outlay stands at the £2.75m paid for Des Walker and Andy Sinton, took their stand after talks with the Juventus winger's lawyer. Lombardo's wage demands were reputedly in excess of Shearer's "basic" of £1.3m a year with Newcastle, a sum the Premiership club were unwilling to pay a 30-year-old player. "We're very disappointed,"

Wednesday's secretary, Gra-ham Mackrell, said. "After we worked very hard and agreed a fee with Juventus, and went to Italy twice, the player's expectations were such that we had to pull out. The offer would have made him one of the highest-paid players in England. but we weren't prepared to pay what can only be described as crazy money.

changed hands yesterday - for two-thirds of Shearer's transfer fee - when the entertainment

entrepreneur Chris Wright paid tingham Forest after the refer £10m to end the Thompson family's seven-year controlling interest. The new owner, whose business interests began when he co-founded the Chrysalis record label in the 1960s, said: "I'm delighted the deal is done,

but sorry it has taken so long." Wright has also completed his takeover of Wasps rugby union club, who will play some Courage League fixtures at Loftus Road next season. 'We're now in a position to sort out some of the operational details of how the two two clubs will be working side by side," he

Meanwhile, Tyneside surrendered to Shearermania yesterday, when the final 5.000 tickets for the England striker's debut in Sunday's Charity Shield match were snapped up. Around 600 supporters camped overnight outside St James' Park to ensure their places at Wembley.

Newcastle's opponents in the curtain raiser, Manchester United, welcomed Karel Poborsky, their £3.5m midfielder from the Czech Republic, to training for the first time yesterday. Jordi Cruyff's £1m move from Barcelona should be completed today, but Roy Keane may miss Sunday's game, The Irishman, who is nursing

Queen's Park Rangers a knee injury, was withdrawn during the weekend win at Not- for £100,000.

ee, David Elleray, advised Alex Ferguson to substitute him following several reckless challenges. Elleray warned yesterday that the Charity Shield referee, Paul Durkin, would have "no room for such discretion" in a game which pro-vided a "benchmark" for disci-

plinary standards. Chris Sutton, the less celebrated half of Blackburn's disbanded SAS striking partnership, may be fit to start the season after learning that the injury he sustained in Saturday's friendly at Colchester was nothing more than soft tissue damage. Blackburn initial-

ly feared a broken leg. Nottingham Forest are ready to sell Andrea Silenzi, but cannot find a taker for the giant striker who made only seven first-teum appearances last sea son and scored just two goals. Silenzi arrived for £1.8m from Torino a year ago but never really impressed at the City

Middlesbrough hope that their record buy from Italy, Pabrizio Ravanelli, will receive his international clearance in time for his debut against his his former club Juventus tonight. Middlesbrough have sold the Bolivian forward, Jaime Moreno, to the Major League Soccer side Washington DC United

In tomorrow's 12-page summer of sport

When will Gianluca Vialli, Roberto Di Matteo and Franck Lebouef first sample the delights of Roker Park?

When will Alan Shearer make his emotional return for Newcastle to Ewood And when will Exeter City make the long trip north to Carlisle?

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